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## Harvest Fest draws a crowd



Downtown Grayling was alive with activity last weekend as area residents celebrated the first annual Grayling Harvest Fest. The event featured an antique tractor show, hayrides, a farmer's market and a special presentation from the Northern Michigan Railroad Club. The model train display (above) was the main draw at the event. Six members of the Northern Michigan Railroad Club ran the display. Club member Paul DeLange can be seen operating the track in the upper left portion of the frame. For more on the Grayling Harvest Fest, see Page 12A.

## Planners wrap up transportation study

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Local officials may be looking for a \$4.8 million pot of money to build a full access interchange at North Down River Road, based on a transportation study aimed at relieving traffic and congestion in Grayling.

A committee, formed by the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, recently completed a nine month transportation study of the Grayling area. The goal of the study was to reduce congestion in the Grayling area, reduce the complexity of wayfinding and promote economic vitality in Crawford and Roscommon counties.

The main recommendation of

the study was the construction of a full access interchange at North Down River Road, allowing northbound motorists on I-75 to exit and enter Grayling or travel west toward Traverse City. A southbound entrance ramp would also allow motorists to access I-75 at North Down River Road. Under the recommendation, North Down River Road would also be widened to three lanes from the interchange to the I-75 Business Loop/M-93. A traffic light would be installed at the intersection to address the increased travelers, which would be diverted off local roadways to destinations located west of Grayling. The projected cost of the project is \$4.8 million.

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## Students return to classes after gun discovery probe

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Three students, who had guns in their vehicles discovered during a school-wide safety exercise at Grayling High School, have been allowed to return to classes following a review by school and law enforcement officials.

The guns were discovered in the vehicles of the students during a school lockdown exercise conducted on Monday, September 29.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said that the state mandates that all school districts perform two lockdown exercises during the school year at each school building. The purpose of

the exercises is to ensure that school staff and students are aware of what they should do during a crisis to protect all people in the school building, Powers said.

School staff, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and K-9 handlers from the Alpena, Traverse City and Houghton Lake Posts of the Michigan State Police coordinated the safety exercise.

Following a search of the school, K-9 handlers found a gun in a truck driven by one of the students. Officers then decided to search all vehicles on the school campus and found the

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## The Monarch loses another 60 feet

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

One of Crawford County's best recognized landmarks just came crashing down. "The Monarch" was popularly considered to be the largest tree in the Hartwick Pines old-growth forest until lightning took off the top of the tree in 1992. Two weeks ago, much of what remained of the tree toppled onto the forest floor.

The damage was first discovered on Friday, Sept. 5, when a pair of park guests happened to stop by the site of the landmark tree.

"They came back up and said, 'you lost some of the Monarch,'" said Park Interpreter Craig Kasmer.

Kasmer initially thought the guests were referring to the damage that had occurred 16 years ago. The park visitors insisted that the loss was recent.

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Over 60 feet from the top of the tree fell on the forest floor. Since the Monarch died 12 years ago, animal habitation and general weathering destroyed the tree both internally and externally.

## Township seeks input on fire department stalemate

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Charter Township Board is asking citizens to either douse or fan the flames of a current lawsuit township officials have against the City of Grayling over joint fire department operations.

The township board has scheduled a public hearing, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Grayling Township Hall, to discuss the future administration of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

In January, the township board authorized a lawsuit against the City of Grayling. Township officials were seeking the return of a committee of

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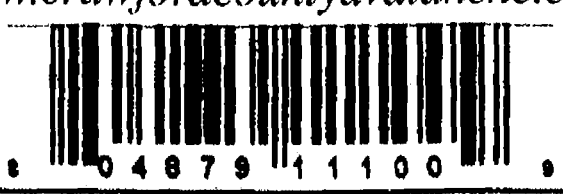
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## Adults are back to school, too

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Now that the kids have been back to school for well over a month, adults are sharpening their pencils, too. Crawford County residents are taking advantage of a variety of enrichment classes designed to keep the mind and body sharp.

"The more knowledge you bring to yourself makes you a more well rounded person," said Nancy Hatfield, who teaches both web page design and digital photography for adults.

She said that courses like her photography class give people an opportunity to zero in on their interests and learn practical skills.

"I think it's always good to be able to offer that. There's a lot of creative people out there and it gives people something to do," said Hatfield.

Hatfield's courses utilize a fairly traditional classroom structure. For those that want to learn something new without hitting the books, other instructors are offering something a little different.

Priscilla Whiteford teaches two adult yoga classes that start this week at the AuSable Primary School.

"I've got students who are in high school and I've got people in their 70s and everything in between," said Whiteford.

Her courses are designed to help people focus themselves on several planes.

"The work that you do requires

awareness in the moment," said Whiteford. "By working with the body you're working with your mind."

Can't touch your toes? Not a problem, says Whiteford.

"You can start at any level of activity or inactivity because it's not competitive."

It could be said that this mentality is the essence of adult education. It's not about competing over big scholarships or getting the highest grade in the class. It's about meeting personal goals.

"The reason why you take it is because you're not where you want to be," said Whiteford.

These adult enrichment courses are all offered through a centralized community program. In addition to computer classes, photography and yoga, karate courses and GED testing are available through this outlet.

Contact Paul Brunell, at 989-348-6137, for more information on these classes, including enrollment information. Although it may be too late to sign up for fall courses, many of these classes are offered on a rotating basis in the winter as well.

For those wishing to travel off the beaten path, there are plenty of courses to be found outside the county's official roster of enrichment classes.

Crawford County resident Sarah Medler teaches a clogging class in Roscommon that is a popular choice among Grayling residents. Clogging is a type of folk dance where special shoes

are used musically.

"Our performances are just a blast," said Medler.

She emphasized that she tries to make the timing of her classes accessible for people with busy lives.

"We gear it towards the working people," said Medler.

While Medler conceded that some people have more natural talent than others, she said that anyone who has an interest should not be afraid of giving it a try. Nobody dances like a professional right away.

"You work up to that. It's not so scary," said Medler.

And, unlike high school, there is no mandatory final exam.

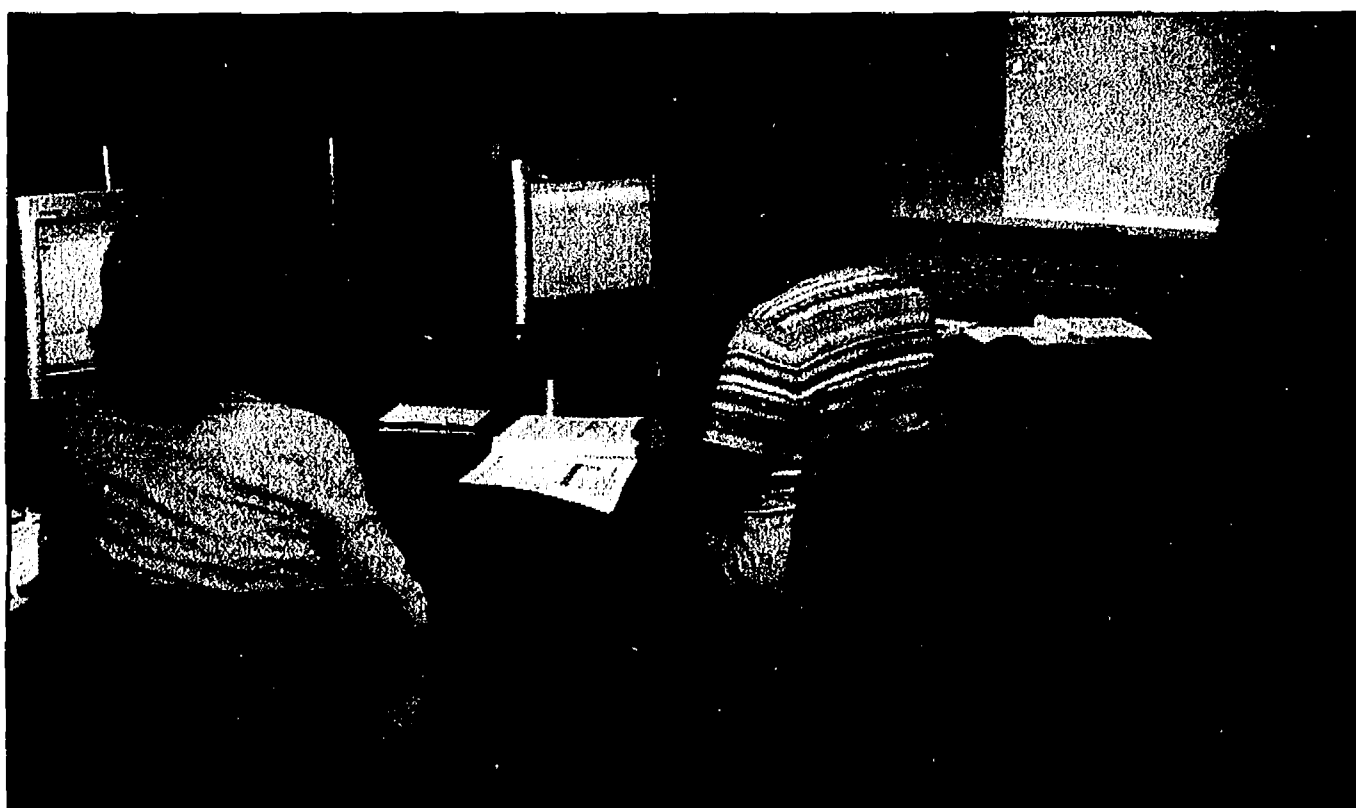
"With our group, we make performing optional," said Medler.

Medler's group, called the Just For Kicks Cloggers, can be reached at 989-348-5104. These courses are just the tip of the iceberg of what's available in Crawford County and the surrounding area. Local instructors are teaching everything from fly fishing to classical dance.

Many of these classes are hosted by local businesses. For example, someone who has an interest in quilting may want to check with the Quilt Shop for upcoming programs.

Another good resource is Mercy Hospital. The local hospital offers a wide variety of health and wellness based courses and seminars.

"I don't think a person can ever learn too much," said Hatfield.



Nancy Hatfield (in back) instructs her Monday night web design class. Adult classes are generally held in the evening to account for busy work schedules.

## Students return to classes after gun discovery probe

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other two guns.

No drugs were found in the school or the parking lot during the sweep, Powers said.

The three students, all upper classmen, were interviewed by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and school officials. The parents of the students were also part of the process.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that one of the students was directed by his mother to drive his brother's truck to school, unaware that the gun was in the truck, when the vehicle he intended to use would not start.

"He was running late for school, he went out and jumped in his brother's truck and went to school," Wakefield said.

That student was allowed to

return to classes after serving a three-day suspension following the discovery of the gun, Powers said.

Expulsion hearings were held by the Crawford AuSable School Board Monday, as required by the state school code for having a dangerous weapon on school property, for the other two students.

Following a review of the incident, Powers said that school officials believe there was clear and convincing evidence that the students did not possess the guns for use as weapons on school property and intended to do no harm to students or school staff.

The students were suspended from school last week for the entire school week.

Powers said the guns were in the vehicles for small game

hunting and were not removed before the students came to school.

"We consider this a very serious situation," Powers said. "It was unfortunate because the students did forget to remove their hunting rifles, but we were confident the students had no intent whatsoever to cause a safety issue at the school."

Wakefield said that the three boys who had the guns are all good students. He said he opted not to forward reports from the incident to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss to avoid putting the students through court proceedings, impacting their academics and further impacting their lives.

"That is the call I made," Wakefield said. "Be it right or wrong, that's the call I made."

## Police find Ecstasy pills during stop

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies confiscated a large number of Ecstasy pills during a traffic stop near midnight on Monday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies stopped a vehicle in the City of Grayling at 11:53 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6.

Through the course of the investigation, a large quantity of Ecstasy pills were located, which

lead to the arrest of a 21-year-old male. The Ecstasy pills had an approximate street value of \$820.

The incident is still under investigation and the suspect's name is being withheld pending arraignment in Crawford County District Court.

Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group officers and the Grayling City Police assisted in the investigation.

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## GPA gets crafty



The Grayling Promotional Association hosted its annual craft show at the Grayling Primary School last Saturday. The event featured vendors from throughout the state. Displayed crafts ranged from quilts to custom outhouses. Local organizations, such as the Crawford County Animal Shelter, also operated booths. "We like coming up to Grayling," said author Nancy Feldbush, who was one of the many vendors at the event.

## Transportation Authority nets grants for busses, building

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Federal funding is rolling into the Crawford County Transportation Authority, to help replace two busses and for a building project.

The Crawford County Transportation Authority has received two grants, totaling \$203,396, from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration.

The funds will be used to replace two busses in the Crawford County Transportation's fleet.

Julie Dean, the executive director for the Crawford County Transportation System, said busses procured through a Michigan Department (MDOT) of Transportation grant program, which hit the road early this year, cost \$87,000.

Due to the increased cost of doing business, Dean said the cost of a single bus has went up to \$120,000, so MDOT funds will be used to supplement the federal grants to buy the new busses.

"We have to use local funding we get from the state to make up the difference," Dean said. "All the parts, fuel, everything has gone up."

Dean said that a group of bus systems are collaborating together to purchase the busses in hopes of getting the most bang for their buck from federal dollars. The busses will be added to the fleet in the next six months.

"We're working as a group to save a little bit of money for each agency," Dean said.

A second Federal Transit Administration grant for \$48,000 was awarded to the Crawford County Transportation Authority, which will be used for a new building to maintain, wash and store the busses to keep them out of the elements. Dean said the building will be added in the next couple of years.

"We're packed in like sardines and we want to add other busses," Dean said. "If we don't add another building, they'll be sitting outside."

Transportation authorities in U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak's (D-Menominee) First Congressional District, which covers counties in northeastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, pooled together to apply for the federal funds. Federal grants, totaling about \$3.5 million, were received to support local bus and ferry services.

"At a time when bus ridership in many communities are at all time highs, it's important to make the investment to sustain and improve public transit services," Stupak said. "I was pleased to play a part in making this vital investment in northern Michigan's transportation network."

The Crawford County Transportation Authority is marking another banner year, providing transportation to 117,369 riders for its fiscal year which ran from Oct. 1, 2007, to Sept. 30, 2008. Ridership was up 7,727 people from the previous year.

Dean attributed the growth to high gas prices and the struggling economy. While many transportation systems have raised fares, Dean said the Transportation Authority continues to look at other places to cut costs while taking people to medical appointments, running errands, getting students to school, delivering meals for the Crawford County Commission on Aging and delivering packages.

Fares continue to be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for seniors, children and handicapped people, and there are no plans to hike the rates.

"That is our last resort at this point," Dean said.

## Tax decrease for streetscape improvements approved

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Grayling downtown business owners will see a slight reduction in their tax bills for the special tax assessment that was used to fund streetscape improvements.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular meeting last week, approved a Michigan Avenue project special assessment adjustment.

The adjustment was approved since tax assessments that were proposed to be charged to downtown property owners were based on the project costing \$1.6 million. The actual project came in at \$1,356,000, due to cost savings achieved by city officials for the downtown facelift.

The special assessment, charged to business owners for each linear foot of property they own on Michigan Avenue, was decreased from \$152 to \$122.

The project included installing brick paved sidewalks, landscaping, decorative street lights, replacing sewer and water mains and repaving streets on Michigan Avenue and Burton Court.

The City of Grayling was awarded a \$519,767 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water, sewer and street upgrades in the downtown business district.

The city council held a public hearing to close out the project at its meeting last week.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said the city was required to return some of the grant funding to the state and thereby opted to pass along savings to downtown business owners.

"If indeed we were able to reduce the project cost by 20 percent, we need to spread that savings across the board,"

Thayer said.

City officials are still giving the option of paying the tax assessment in one lump sum or paying the tax over nine months at five percent interest.

"We want to recreate and rebirth downtown and the streetscape project is one of the things that is making that happen," Thayer said. "We want to work with the business owners any we can to help them improve the downtown business district during these tough economic times."

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Though he will remain active in dealer operations, he has made the decision to help a young man from a new generation fulfill his lifelong aspiration of business ownership by bringing him on as a partner/General Manager.

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ambitious, honest, creative individual that earned his experience by starting at the ground floor.

Kevin needed an individual that had built their business based on customer satisfaction, honesty, and integrity. Kevin is a 33 year old that started his career at age 19 and has worked in most every position in an automobile dealership. He resides in Gladwin with his wife and son and enjoys working the family farm, hunting and fishing, collecting old tractors, and his career.

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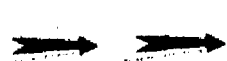
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Leadership is designing and implementing the most comprehensive and successful small recycling center in Michigan. To date, we have shipped approximately 5,560 tons of recyclable materials to market and the sales of that material have offset the cost of trash disposal by a significant amount. In 2000, the Grayling Township Recycling Center won the O.B. Eustice Environmental Award for "Outstanding Service to Northeast Michigan."

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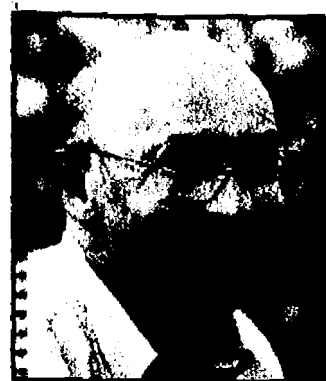
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## OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## Random thoughts: Gov. Palin energizes campaign

VEEP DEBATE – Since coming off pretty well in the only vice presidential debate, Republican Veeper candidate Sarah Palin has provided new energy to the entire political debate.

She's now out on the campaign trail, spinning some quotable comments, at times outshining the top of the ticket, Sen. John McCain.

As to the vice president debate itself, in my book it came out about even. Neither Republican Palin nor Democrat Joe Biden did or said anything to detract from their individual candidacies. By not screwing up, they both won out.

They may be running only for vice president, but to me Sen. Biden appeared much more presidential, while Gov. Palin did a good job of selling herself to an

inquisitive mass audience, not primarily as a potential occupant of the White House but as a new-comer to the national political arena.

Obviously she had been well prepared for the debate – especially in light of her earlier TV interviews, which generally were panned by most observers – and her recitation of points and issues indicated she is an apt student.

Again, to me Gov. Palin's trademark "aw shucks" folksiness – with the "Joe Sixpacks" and the "by gollys" and the "darn rights" – became a bit thick, although her demeanor was not aimed at me or at other political junkies but at a much broader public audience. They probably know her better now.

By contrast, Sen. Biden exhibited a broad knowledge of nation-

al concerns, especially foreign affairs, and displayed a personal and lighter side of himself, along with his more usual serious side.

Of course, they both sniped a bit at their opposing presidential candidates, but nothing new or serious.

In a nutshell, both won and neither lost.

WOMEN'S DILEMMA – Gov. Palin presents a disconcerting dilemma for many women voters, over and above the thousands of women who ardently supported Sen. Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination.

Many of these women were Clinton supporters primarily because of her gender; many felt the time had come for a woman candidate to break the male lock on the White House, and Hillary

Clinton became their champion.

With Ms. Clinton denied the Democratic nomination, and with the Republican choice of a woman on the GOP ticket, these women must decide which comes first: gender, party, or something else?

This scenario likely is an important reason that Sarah Palin was chosen for the Republican ticket.

Again, many women likely are supporting the McCain-Palin ticket because of gender.

Now is the time, they may reason, and here's a woman who has a good chance of becoming vice president and even president.

Other women, some of whom have been devoted followers of Sen. Clinton, are torn.

"Yes, it is our time ... time for a woman," bemoaned a friend of

mine recently, who was elated at Hillary Clinton's early prospects for the Democratic nomination. "But is Sarah Palin the right woman?"

Questioning what she considers Gov. Palin's limited parochial resume and slim qualifications for vice president, my friend has not yet decided.

My guess is she will vote for Barack Obama, and continue her search for what she considers to be the right woman at the right time.

2012 TICKET? – Remember you read it here first:

If Democrats win the presidency this year, the Republican ticket next time around may well be two ex governors: Mike Huckabee of Arkansas for president, and Sarah Palin of Alaska

for vice president ... or probably the other way around.

BIG VOTE – Michigan election officials expect a record turnout for this year's election.

There are 7.2 million registered voters in Michigan, give or take a few hundred, and four years ago in the George Bush-John Kerry presidential election, a record 4.8 million votes were cast, which was almost 65 percent turnout.

"I expect we'll be higher than that," said state elections director Chris Thomas.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com).

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words. Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

BD wrote on Sept. 26 (regarding fire department): "It is clear the funding formula will benefit the city only. The township has the majority of the population, improved properties and higher SEV with the lake and riverfront properties. Maybe it is time for the township to consider its own department if they are going to be on the hook for majority of the funding."

EZR wrote on Sept. 26 (regarding ORV ordinance): "Crawford County has no trail system. Opening the shoulders of the roads will not make a difference if there is no place to go."

Betty wrote on Sept. 29 (regarding gas prices): "I drive almost 70 miles one way to work, and I don't buy gas in Grayling anymore. The prices out of town are cheaper on gas and propane."

Bill wrote on Oct. 2 (regarding casino in Grayling): "There isn't an Indian reservation in Grayling, without which you can't have a gambling casino. The closest casino is the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, which is owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians."

Dave wrote on Oct. 2 (regarding casino in Grayling): "You have to be a recognized Indian tribe to be able to open a casino on established Indian land! Then that Indian community, which must reside in that area, must sign a compact with the state to be able to start a casino. That can take years (ask those who have tried to open a casino at Gun Lake). By the way, the casinos in northern Michigan have been losing so much money this summer that they had to lay off 100 people in Petoskey and more in the UP and haven't hired anyone new at the other casinos. A casino is not the answer for Grayling's woes."

Dave wrote on Oct. 2 (regarding casino in Grayling): "Start a casino and you will see a line up for more welfare! The only benefit a casino brings is more profits to the people who own it! Why not start a small, simple manufacturing plant? I'm sure that a lot of our skilled retirees would be more than happy to teach our youth a trade, instead of our youth becoming slot machine mechanics."

WJB wrote on Oct. 4 (regarding casino in Grayling): "Doesn't anyone have any ideas other than gambling and theme parks around here? I'm all for bingo charities because the money is spent on our fellow man. What we need to do is give new businesses a chance here. We need someone to actually use some common sense in our local government. Give a variety of businesses a chance instead of counting the money before they even have a chance. Tax breaks for new businesses would be great. Make it easy for businesses to start up, not harder. It would be nice to have some family friendly new businesses in town. Not all people want to work for theme parks or casinos or bars. Grayling needs more of a variety of businesses that will get people through 12 months of the year instead of being seasonal."

Cam wrote on Oct. 5 (regarding drop in CASD students): "Now let's get rid of a few administrators, which never seems to happen. What always appears to get cut first are those positions that deal directly with students on a daily basis, thereby having the most impact in their lives. A business manager... what a waste!"

## LETTERS TO THE

## EDITOR

## Let's talk taxes, Mr. Wright

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright's political ad in the October 2, 2008, edition of the Avalanche.

Quote, "Let's talk taxes. In Grayling Township, you pay one mill in taxes. That's as low as it gets. Neither the supervisor nor the board of trustees can raise the millage rate. Only a vote of the residents can raise the rate of the taxes you pay. Somebody please tell my opponent."

I spoke with your opponent, Mike Duffy, the day this particular edition of the Avalanche hit the streets. Mr. Duffy denied ever making a statement contradicting what you wrote. He did tell me, however, that he raised the question at a recent Township Board meeting about whether all properties in the township were receiving timely and equal assessments. In other words, is everyone paying their fair share for improvements made? I think that's a fair question to be asked by a taxpayer.

But, that's not the real purpose of my letter. I, too, have an opinion and I will express it.

Let's talk taxes, Mr. Wright. I really wish you would have been completely above board when

talking about property tax increases. While you were truthful about how the voters need to decide a millage rate increase, you were not forthcoming with the whole truth for your constituents.

Here's the truth. While it takes a vote of the people to raise the property tax millage rate, it takes only the stroke of the assessor's pen to raise the taxable value of your home according to a formula based on the rate of inflation. Mr. Wright plays a role in the property reassessment process.

There is nothing illegal about it. But, is it ethical, when at the same time you are lowering the assessed values of hundreds of properties? I say no. Property owners are losing enough already in home values. Do they have to be doubly insulted by increasing their property taxes?

And, what is the reason for raising the taxable values of properties while lowering their assessed values? Simply put, it's to make sure the revenue keeps coming in to fund the pay, medical benefits and retirement plans of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer. The township residents receive no direct benefit for the increase in taxes collected.

The approximately \$175,000

collected in township taxes doesn't come close to covering the cost of these three positions. Other revenues have to cover the rest of the bill. How can it be justified to pay the part-time treasurer \$23,500 per year and provide \$26,000 in benefits? Please taxpayers, take a look at the budget! No one is entitled to such a package as a public servant, especially when the township only invests \$128,000 per year in our fire department.

It has become status quo for our local public servants to follow the lead of those at the state and federal levels to make their service to our community a "career" and they feel entitled to high pay, cushy retirement funds and medical benefits most people couldn't even dream of. When are our public servants going to quit being so self-serving and think about the people who put them in office? For crying out loud, start having a conscience!

So far as Mr. Wright's boasting of being named "one of the top 25 leaders in America in 1999" by a self-congratulatory "club" he belongs to ... well, that was nine years ago.

Cheryll A. Ruley  
Grayling

## Are you missing out on a terrific deal?

To the editor:

I am certain many people are missing out on a super opportunity to save money in the Grayling area. For \$25 you can purchase a Grayling Promotional Association "Shop Grayling First" discount card and easily save \$100 or more above the cost of the card.

I know that all of you eat. You should pursue the many offers from 21 eateries totaling over \$400 in discounts.

But, there is more, the card offers discounts on car services, groceries, recreational activities and personal services. Now, anything I buy after \$25 is profit in these hard times and much appreciated.

The savings on an oil change alone is better than half the cost of the card. Why aren't more people taking advantage of such an obvious bargain?

We can't say the merchants are pushing us out of town on this one. This is a real benefit available to us all.

The Shop Grayling First discount card has good savings and good reasons to get out a little more often with your spouse, your kids or your friends.

Cards are available from any Grayling Promotional Association member or by calling D.J. Brown at 348-4330.

It seems like an awesome gift idea and possibly a graduation gift

for a teen heavy into activities and fast food.

Let's support and encourage our local business people to come up with even more innovative ways to save us money.

And, to top off personally saving money, the monies the Grayling Promotional Association collects from the Shop Grayling First discount card are put back into our community with projects such as banners, flowers, the American flag project, the entertainment series and the list goes on and on.

This discount card is good for everyone in our community.

Phil Faustman  
Grayling

## VIEWPOINT

By Robert Brotebeck,  
President, Tri-Lakes Home  
Builders Association

## Housing stimulus legislation is great news for area home buyers

On July 30, President Bush signed into law what is by far the most important housing legislation this nation has seen in the last 50 years. Passed by Congress, with widespread bipartisan support, the landmark housing bill should help restore confidence among prospective home buyers, stop the erosion of home values, provide a lifeline to borrowers facing foreclosure and help repair an ailing housing finance system.

One important component of the bill is a \$7,500 tax credit for first-time home buyers. This credit is available to anyone who has not owned a home in the last three years and meets certain income requirements. Specifically, singles who earn less than \$75,000, or married couples earning less than \$150,000, qualify for the full credit. It's only available for those who close on a home between April 9, 2008, and June 30, 2009, so you can't wait forever to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. For details on how the tax credit works, including its refundable character and recapture requirements, go to [www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com](http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com).

As a home builder, I believe that the stimulative effect of the temporary first-time home buyer tax credit is likely to ripple through the entire housing market. For one thing, 40 percent of all home buyers, are first-timers. But also, you have to understand that the marketplace functions like a ladder, where someone has to make it onto the bottom rung before someone else can trade up to a bigger, better home on the next rung. So, helping first-time buyers should make it easier for everyone to move up a notch.

In addition to the tax credit, another key provision of the new law permanently raises the conforming loan limits for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which account for about 70 percent of all home mortgages being written today. Loan limits are also increased for FHA insured loans and that agency's programs are substantially modernized and expanded to allow it to once again play a valuable role in the affordable mortgage market. This last element is especially important since the fallout of the subprime mortgage mess has caused credit for lower-income borrowers to all but evaporate.

Of course, the latest housing legislation is not going to turn around the national housing downturn overnight. But, it does represent a critical turning point for all of us and the promise of a much brighter and healthier marketplace on the horizon.

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# BRIEFS

## COA offers two free fitness classes

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, has partnered with the MSU Extension Office to bring virtual bowling using the Nintendo Wii. A representative from the MSU office and local students will be at the senior center on the second Thursday of each month starting Oct. 9, at 3:30 p.m., to teach seniors virtual bowling using the Wii. The advantage of the Wii program is that it combines physical and cognitive activity. If you have any questions, call the senior center at 348-7123.

## River House to host annual fund-raiser

River House Inc. will be hosting its annual fund-raiser on Oct. 11, from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m., at the historical Play House in Houghton Lake. It will be an evening of dinner and dancing. There will also be wine tasting, wooden car races, a silent auction and a raffle drawing at 10 p.m. Proceeds support River House in the fight against domestic violence and homelessness. Call River House for ticket and raffle information at 989-348-3169.

## Free divorce clinic to be held

A free divorce clinic will take place at the Crawford County Courthouse on Oct. 16, at 5:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the 46th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Legal Services of Northern Michigan Inc. and River House Shelter Inc. For information, call Legal Services at 989-705-1067.

## Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling High School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

## Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse.

## Organ transplant support group to meet

The Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will hold their meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m., in the conference room in the Professional Building behind Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. For more information, contact Bev at 989-983-4188 or by e-mail at bevo@core.com.

## C.C.C.C. Help Center accepting coats

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, 300 Huron St., Grayling, is accepting donations of winter coats and jackets in children's and adult sizes. For more information, call 348-6046. The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## VFW Post to hold monthly meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting on Oct. 14 at the American Legion Hall.

## Republican Party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse. At this meeting, a membership drive will be held asking all current members to bring a guest to join the group. The yearly dues are \$20. Collections of canned goods, paper products, etc., will be taken for the Christian Help Center.

## VFW Post #3736 and GHS to interview

The VFW Post #3736 of Grayling has arranged for the GHS student senate to do another video history interview with the veterans at Mercy Manor. The interviews will be held at Mercy Manor on Oct. 14 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The interview will be conducted with five veterans and 30 members of the GHS student senate. This is open to the public.

## Church to hold bake sale and bazaar

The Community of Christ Church, on the corner of Glenn Rd. and North Down River Rd. in Grayling, will hold a bake sale and bazaar on Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gift items will be available for sale. For more information, call Carol Britton at 989-348-8362.

## Applications available to fund science projects

The DTE Energy Foundation is accepting applications for its Energy & Our World Mini Grants for Educators program. The program has awarded nearly \$800,000 since 1990 to teachers statewide to fund science projects that encourage students' curiosity and excitement about energy.

"These grants provide teachers with funding for special science projects that school budgets typically cannot afford," said Carol Moore, DTE Energy Education and Community Relations representative. "Last year, the program awarded grants to 142 teachers for really wonderful projects that helped students better understand energy and the energy industry."

Teachers of grades K-12 in public, non-public and charter schools within DTE Energy's service territory may apply for the grants. Recipients will be

selected by a panel of education personnel, who will look for the best interdisciplinary projects that incorporate problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking skills. Grants typically range from \$50 to \$250, but some proposals may be funded for more.

This year, the DTE Energy Foundation is especially interested in funding projects that teach students about power generation, energy distribution, renewable energy technologies, environmental issues and energy conservation.

For more information or to apply for an Energy & Our World Mini Grant, go to [dteenergy.com/minigrants](http://dteenergy.com/minigrants) or contact Carol Moore at 313-235-7012 or [moorec@dteenergy.com](mailto:moorec@dteenergy.com).

All applications must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 21. Grants will be awarded first quarter 2009.

## Spencers bring magical act to KCPA

The Spencers, an entertainment team called "modern day Houdinis" by the media, will bring their dramatic magic act to the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon, for one show only at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Kevin and Cindy Spencer, a magical duo even before they got married in 1983, are a highly successful touring team performing in many of the nation's top theatres and performing arts centers. Their production, "The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion," is one of the largest touring illusion shows on the road today.

"It's not our goal to have a show in Vegas," said Cindy Spencer, the first woman to be recognized by the International Brotherhood of Magicians and receive her own feature and cover on the oldest magic magazine in the world, "The Linking Ring."

"We choose to pursue our dreams on our own terms, do our best in every situation and honor the art that we love," she added. "So far, this has been an incredible ride and the best is yet to come."

Presenters and critics alike give them high marks and rave reviews for their uniquely entertaining style. They have been a popular entertainment attraction

for more than a decade with thousands of performances throughout the U.S. and in five countries.

The duo presents a high-tech stage show that combines drama, comedy, romance and suspense with elaborate stage illusions that include dazzling special effects and magnificent set design.

Ticket prices for the Oct. 18 performance are \$26 and \$24, and may be purchased in advance online or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office. Senior (55 or older), student and group discounts are available. The KCPA is also offering a family package - two adults and up to three children, or one adult and up to four children - for \$50 for this thrilling performance.

The Children's Learning Center, also located on Kirtland's campus, will be open from 6 p.m. till the end of the show to provide child care services - \$5 for one child or \$15 per family. Free shuttle service is available from the parking lot to the main lobby doors.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit online at [www.kirtland.edu/kcpa](http://www.kirtland.edu/kcpa) or call the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777. The Oct. 18 presentation of The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion is sponsored in part by TV 9&10 News, Quality Inn of West Branch and Lange Vending of Grayling.

## Kirtland hosts annual College Night

Kirtland Community College is lending a helping hand to people planning to enter college next fall, and who are seeking information on what many of the higher educational institutions in Michigan have to offer, by hosting "College Night 2008" from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.

High school students, parents and others are encouraged to attend the annual event on Oct. 16 in the Student Center on the college's main campus near Roscommon. College Night 2008 offers students and parents the opportunity to talk to college representatives and collect information needed to make informed choices, with more than 40 colleges slated to have representatives on hand.

In addition to colleges, such as Michigan State University, Ferris State University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University and Delta College, representatives from several military branches are scheduled to be in attendance. Financial advisers will also be available to offer assistance.

"Kirtland's College Night is a great opportunity for our local communities to visit our campus and talk to our faculty about our programs firsthand," said Susie Allen, KCC's director of admissions. "It also offers a chance for the community members to see what other colleges and universities are doing and has to offer."

"We encourage families, not just high school students, to attend and get involved in education decisions," she added.

Currently, more than 2,200 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at Kirtland's two campuses - at Roscommon and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord - with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding

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### Grayling Youth Booster Club

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A special **THANK YOU** to "GEORGIA PACIFIC" for their generous sponsorship, which has made this year's *Beaver Creek Township Annual Picnic* possible.

We would also like to thank the Picnic Committee for all their planning, work, and clean-up. Members of this year's committee were: Christine Aldrich, Vivian Balmes, Tom & Tina Brooks, Brian Brown, Sharon Hartman, Ron Hollis, Meagan Little, Lee Riley, Gary Summers, and Mary Watson.

**SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS**

We were very fortunate to have the following sponsors donate \$100 or more, which paid for everything the day of the picnic:

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# The Bible Speaks

## Suffering in Hope

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:17,18).

The "sufferings of this present time" will intensify as we approach the last days before the return of Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 24:6: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." We are told in 2 Timothy 3:1: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3:13 says: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 1 Timothy 4:1 says, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Jesus raises the question in Luke 18:8: "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith

on the earth?"

Regardless of the increased intensity of Christian persecution and suffering in the last days, these sufferings "are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Though our sufferings may intensify, they remain insignificant in light of the hope for our future. As 2 Corinthians 4:17 says, "17For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Our sufferings are limited in this present time, but our future blessings are for eternity. Our suffering is limited to this earthly house or body as 2 Corinthians 5:1 says, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." As Paul said in Philippians 1:21: "21For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Third, our sufferings illuminate and increase our hope for the future blessings of, "the glory which shall be revealed in us." Notice our future glory is not earned glory, but the glory of God's person, work, and word in our future, eternal glorification. Every human has a tendency to seek the lost glory of Adam and Eve which they

had before sin and the fall. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." This is why Jesus Christ, the eternal word of God, took a human body to reveal God's glory, and to return us to God's glory. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." As our Savior, He fulfilled every requirement for our redemption by living a perfect life, suffering and dying on the cross for our sins, being buried and arising from the dead to give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life. "10But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." As we endure suffering in this life, we keep our hope in Jesus Christ. Pastor "B"

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Oct. 10 - Lunch - Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and mixed fruit. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Oct. 11 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, Oct. 13 - Lunch - sloppy joe on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli and pineapple. Dinner - macaroni and cheese, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad and fresh fruit salad. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - Lunch - beef tips in gravy with noodles, Brussels sprouts, carrots and pears. Dinner - shepherd's pie,

corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 3 p.m. board games, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, mixed vegetables, a bread stick and an orange. Dinner - liver and onions, carrots, fried cabbage with bacon, pears and brownies. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wendy's Fund-Raiser Night, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, Oct. 16 - Lunch - pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, peas and a banana. Dinner - hot turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## RANGE FIRING

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 9, 14 and 15.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 13 - 14.

The following firing ranges are scheduled during the period of Oct. 9 - 15.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., Oct. 9 - 10 and 15.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, Oct. 9, 11, 14 and 15.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake

Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Oct. 10-13.

In addition, the following roads will be closed. Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

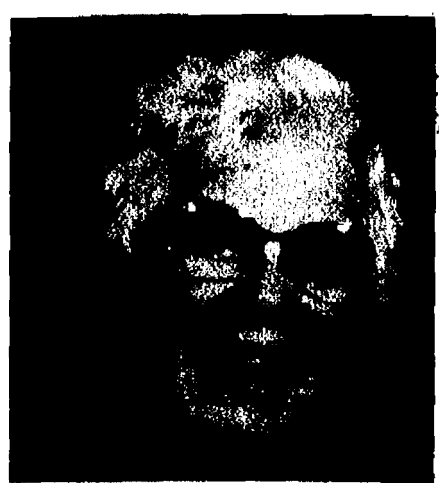
Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6320.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Help celebrate Teen Read Week with the Crawford County Library System from Oct. 12 - Oct. 18. Why is it important to celebrate? For a lot of reasons. Teens have so many options for entertainment, so it's important to remind them to spend time reading for pleasure. It's free, fun and can be done anywhere.

Girls can sign up now for the second "It's a Small World" American Girl program, which will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 3:30 p.m. Girls will learn how to prepare tiny edible treats that they can eat. For more information or to sign up, call Jane at 348-9214.

## OBITUARIES



**Margaret A. Hall**  
June 1, 1920 - Oct. 2, 2008  
Margaret A. Hall, 88, of Bay City, passed away on October 2, 2008, at the Michigan Masonic Home of Alma.

She was born in Bay City, on June 1, 1920, to the late Theodore and Emma (Valley) Visnaw.

She married Bernard W. (Punchie) Hall Sr. He predeceased her March 5, 2001.

She was a member of St. Maria Goretti Church and a former member of the parish council. She previously attended St. Mary's Church of Grayling for over 28 years.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, crafts and working in her flower garden.

She is survived by her sons, Bernard (Bill) Jr. and Diane Hall of Jenison, Theodore (Ted) and Pat Hall of Mason; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson; brother-in-law, Dick (Polly) Hall of Sanford, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

A funeral mass was held on October 6, at St. Maria Goretti Church, with Rev. Fr. Gerald Balwinski and Sr. Virginia Scally SND deN officiating.

Interment was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Pinconning.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Masonic Foundation.

Arrangements made by Squires Funeral Home, Bay City.

**James Farley**  
James Gordon Farley, 87, of Grayling, passed away on October 4, 2008.

A funeral mass was held on Oct. 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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Sunday Service 10:30 am  
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**Methodist Church**  
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Traditional Service 9:00 am  
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Adult Sunday School 10:00 am  
Praise and Worship Service 11 am

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Pastor David Jorgensen  
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East  
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Saturday Church Service 9:30 am  
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Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am  
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Early Service 8:30 am  
Sunday School 10 am  
Morning Service 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
heritagebaptist-grayling.org  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 11 am  
Evening Worship 6 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Pastor Gary Wojcik  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage 348-7466

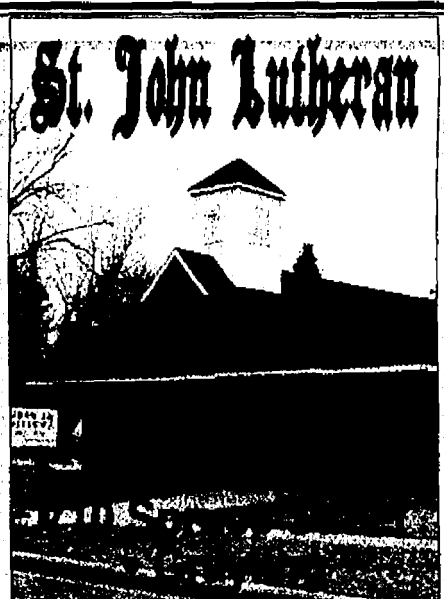
Sunday School 9:30 am  
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Evening Service 6 pm  
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm



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ltdmcd@freeweb.net

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President David Stephenson  
600 North Elm Street, Grayling

Sacrament 10 am  
Sunday School 11 am  
Primary 11 am  
Priesthood 11 am  
Relief Society Noon

**Berning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm  
Wednesday Service 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

(van transportation available)  
**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224

Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Ann Doty  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am  
Preaching 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses 10:00 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
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Morning Prayer Tues-Fri 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Center**  
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Phone: 989-348-1000

Sunday Service 10:30 am  
Mid Week Services (Wed) 7:00 pm  
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**St. Hope Lutheran Church (Lutheran)**  
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Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm  
Sunday School Service 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West, Grayling 989-348-9220

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 6 pm  
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Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
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**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
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Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Morning Worship 11 am  
Evening Service 6 pm  
Wednesday Service 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
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Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm  
Sunday School 9 am  
Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm  
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
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Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

**Church Alive Church of God**  
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Sunday School 10 am  
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday Night Potluck 7 pm  
Sunday Service 10 am

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## 87TH DISTRICT COURT

### Sentencings for September 2008

#### Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Tammy Lynn Cannoy, age 37 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Sept. 23, 2008, for attempted drugs/false prescription; ordered to pay \$1,010 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Doda Ivezić, age 37 of Sterling Heights - Sentenced on Sept. 16, 2008, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,150 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Christopher William Gildner, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Sept. 30, 2008, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$610 in fines or serve 51 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Jack Henry Barbera, age 59 of Grayling - Sentenced on Sept. 16, 2008, for domestic violence; ordered to pay \$1,020 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Craig Lee Stewart, age 48 of Grayling - Sentenced on Sept. 2, 2008, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$860 in fines or serve 86 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

Bobbie Jo Todd, age 20 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Sept. 23, 2008, for malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200; ordered to serve nine days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,120 in fines and \$2,162.92 restitution or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Joshua Allen Spencer, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Sept. 30, 2008, for malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200; ordered to serve 93 days in jail with credit for 54 days served; ordered to pay \$660 in fines or serve 66 days in jail.

Radel George Rosin, age 18 of Frederic - Sentenced on Sept. 2, 2008, for person under 21 transport/possession in vehicle; ordered to pay \$415 in fines; placed on probation for 91 days.

Andrew Jacob Cates, age 48 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Sept. 16, 2008, for domestic violence; ordered to serve three days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$670 in fines and \$75 restitution or serve 74 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

William Russell Eyre, age 54 of Midland - Sentenced on Sept. 23, 2008, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$510 in fines or serve 51 days in jail; placed on probation for 122 days.

David Eric Lepsy, age 48 of Grayling - Sentenced on Sept. 23, 2008, for operate without security and improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$395 in fines or serve 59 days in jail; placed on probation for 244 days.

Susan Jo Sopsack, age 53 of Fife Lake - Sentenced on Sept.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Eugene Restainer would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our friends who came out with food, cards and hugs in our time of need. We would also like to thank Dr. Hunter, the emergency room staff and the nurses of the critical care unit. Every single one of you has helped make this difficult time easier for us.

Sincerely,  
The Restainer Family

### Card of Thanks

I would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the fire departments and the police who did an outstanding job during the tragic ordeal of losing my home to a fire. A special thank you to my friends who were there for me with encouraging words and acts of kindness.

Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart.

Tommi Latoff

## 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

### Sentencings for September 2008

#### Hon. Janet M. Allen

Thomas Edward Dixon, age 36 of Houghton Lake - Plead guilty on Aug. 8, 2008, to home invasion-third degree; sentenced on Sept. 8, 2008, to serve 240 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$507 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Antoon Defrens, age 32 of St. Louis - Plead guilty on Aug. 4, 2008, to prisoner-possession contraband; sentenced on Sept. 22, 2008, to serve one year and one day to five years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs.

Cindy Lou Graham, age 34 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Aug. 4, 2008, to operating under the influence of liquor per se third-offense; sentenced on Sept. 22, 2008, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$300 circuit court costs, \$500 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 84 complaints the week of Sept. 29 - Oct. 5:

One EMS response, nine general non-criminal complaints, one structure fire, two delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, two aggravated assaults with intent to murder, three burglaries/home invasions, seven larcenies, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, one larceny-other, one motor vehicle theft, one fraudulent activity, four damage to properties, one drunkenness, one weapons offense/concealed, eight public peace/disorderlies, six health and safeties, four miscellaneous criminal offenses, two miscellaneous arrests, six traffic accidents, one traffic policing, one inspection/investigation-property, four family troubles-domestic, three suspicious situations, two driving

months.

Woody Oliver Trumbull, age 49 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Aug. 18, 2008, to police officer-assault; sentenced on Sept. 22, 2008, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 37 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$300 circuit court costs; placed on probation for one month.

#### Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Todd Clark Harmer, age 47 of Grayling - Plead no contest on Aug. 18, 2008, to assault-weapon habitual offender second conviction; sentenced on Sept. 22, 2008, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Adam Dewayne-Paul Dowland, age 18 of Flint - Plead guilty on July 21, 2008, to receiving and concealing property less than \$200; sentenced on Sept. 11, 2008, to serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$45 state minimum costs.

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# Heads Up North has new owner

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

The Grayling hair salon Heads Up North changed hands on Oct. 1. Founder Gail Swope has passed the business on to long-time associate Carmen Miller.

Miller and Swope have worked together since 1990, when they were both employed at a former Grayling salon called the Golden Touch.

Swope founded Heads Up North in 1994 when she purchased a salon that had recently closed. Miller has been with her at Heads Up North since its inception.

Coincidentally, Miller officially took ownership on the exact date of the salon's 14 year anniversary.

"My husband retired and I'm ready to travel and not have so many responsibilities anymore," said Swope.

Swope will continue working at the salon part-time.

"Carmen had always wanted to buy the salon when I was ready to sell it," said Swope.

Miller said she will continue painting and remodeling projects that are already underway at the salon, but she does not intend to institute any big changes.

"My goal is to do the same thing (Swope) is doing," said Miller. "I always loved it since she started it."



New Heads Up North owner Carmen Miller (left) is pictured with founding owner Gail Swope. Swope will continue to work at the salon part-time. Both women have worked together since 1990.

Miller said that she is especially interested in keeping the salon's "homey atmosphere" intact.

"We don't want you to feel like you've got to get dressed up to come get a haircut," said Miller.

This is the first time that Miller, who also works as a cosmetology instructor at Kirtland Community College, has owned her own busi-

ness.

She said she is excited about "drawing new people in, watching the girls here thrive and watching the salon thrive even more."

Although she does not intend to change the services that are currently offered, Miller does plan to augment the salon in some ways.

Tanning beds used to be available at Heads Up North but were

eventually discontinued. Miller intends to reinstitute this service.

She also intends to offer group birthday parties for young girls called "Princess Packages." New spa packages will be implemented as well.

Miller said she looks forward to the challenge of "keeping organized and staying a little more active in the community."

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Dynamic Physical Therapy

Northern Michigan's Dynamic Physical Therapy recently ranked exceptionally well in a July outcomes report from Focus On Therapeutic Outcomes Inc. (FOTO), a nationwide reporting service and outcomes database for health care providers. FOTO's outcomes reporting allows participants to review patient evaluations, measuring functional health status, utilization index, necessary duration of treatment, shifts in prescription medication usage and more.

Compared to the average scores of the 1900 other health care providers who participated in the survey, Dynamic Physical Therapy outranked them across the board. In the functional health

status category, which is the change in physical health status of patients receiving rehabilitation, Dynamic ranked 18 percent above average. Regarding their utilization index score, the amount of change in health status per visit, the report showed that Dynamic Physical Therapy's patients improve twice as fast per visit than the national average. The report also indicated that Dynamic is able to treat their patients in under half the duration of the average health care provider. Even regarding prescription medication usage, the total number of Dynamic's patients who are able to discontinue use after treatment is 22 percent higher than the average participant.

"Our physical therapists and physical therapist assistants work very hard to provide the highest level of care to our patients", commented Gus Meyjes, vice president of Dynamic Physical Therapy. "To be recognized for this effort is wonderful, but our excitement in learning the extent of our ranking on a national level is a reflection of our dedication and passion. We are so proud of our entire team."

Though these scores are impressive on their own, they are even more remarkable when the severity of patients' physical health prior to treatment is taken into consideration. According to FOTO's survey, 32.4 percent of Dynamic's patients are considered to have a "very severe" func-

tional health status at the beginning of rehabilitation. A large 47 percent (18 percent above average) of their patients have had at least one surgery prior to treatment, along with 53 percent (18 percent below average) exercising less than one time per week.

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## GPA presents travelogue 'St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Caribbean Jewels'

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 36th season of the Travel and Adventure Series will present, "St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Caribbean Jewels", narrated by Steve Gonser, on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre in downtown Grayling on Oct. 16.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines emerged from the sea eons ago as the result of the collision of the Caribbean and Atlantic plates. The resulting

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waterfall, climbing to the top of a slumbering volcano, exploring underwater gardens or just slumbering in the comfort of a tropical setting, you'll find it all at St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students, and are available in uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

The Travel and Adventure Series is made possible with the generous support of lead sponsor Fick and Sons Inc. of Grayling, in partnership with the Grayling Promotional Association, area businesses and corporations, grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



Grayling Promotional Association's Travel and Adventure Series will travel to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with live presenter Steve Gonser, at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 16.

### Card of Thanks

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to everyone who helped out during my recent 31 day deployment to Mississippi and Texas for hurricane relief efforts. To my father, Dave, and Bobbie Sue for stocking my fridge and for the six hour round trips to keep checking on my home and my animals. To Jay Ervin for keeping his eye on and feeding my animals and housing

my horses when they escaped ... again. To Dana Swander for running my errands and to my co-workers at MMR for covering my shifts while I was gone. To my son, Kyle, for running back and forth to the house to check on the animals and keeping up with the pool and to Alan Hack for fixing the pool filter while I was gone. To Scott and Holly for the extra help with Danielle and to Steve

for the moral support from the other side of the country. Most of all, my deepest thanks to Bob and Nancy Cinciala (PaPa and Grandma) for taking my daughter, Danielle, back and forth to school, cheerleading practice, Redskins games and mostly for just taking such good care of her. Knowing she was in your care made my time away much easier.

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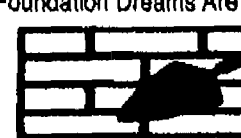
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The Crawford County DARE program has its first corporate sponsor.

Jack Millikin Inc. recently donated a \$1,500 check to Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield to be used for the DARE program in Crawford County.

Jack Millikin Inc. plans to be the corporate sponsor for DARE, donating funds to support the program every two years. The company's name will appear on the back of DARE T-shirts, which are presented to students upon completion of the program.

Scott McNamara Ford Lincoln Mercury also donated \$450 to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office DARE program from proceeds raised during a pig roast held during the Grayling stop for the second annual Old Historic U.S. 27 Motor tour.

The Crawford County DARE program began in 1988 and is currently educating fifth and seventh graders in Crawford County.

All money donated is used

strictly for the youth programs in Crawford County. The DARE program supplies, booklets and T-shirts are provided by money collected from donations and proceeds from the annual DARE golf outing.

Currently, Sergeant Randal Herman and Deputy Shawn Schnoor are the two DARE instructors for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Since the program began, there have been thousands of students educated in Crawford County School District through the DARE program. DARE instructs students how to say no to drugs and violence and covers several topics, such as peer pressure, tobacco use and effects, alcohol use and effects and making the right decisions in situations, during the program.

"The youth are our future," Wakefield said. "These programs are very important to me and the deputies of Crawford County."

Wakefield said the sheriff's office and its deputies are dedi-



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cated and determined to continue to provide quality programs such as DARE, Junior Deputy, bicycle safety, snowmobile safety, marine safety and hunter's safety.

"In these most difficult economical times I must stand and applaud our community for their funding and support of our programs, which we present to our youth," Wakefield said.

## Tips to help students during MEAP testing

Michigan schools are getting ready for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) testing which begins on Oct. 14 for students third through ninth grade in all Michigan schools. This year, all schools will be testing on the same days. The School Link Program will be promoting the "EAT, SLEEP, MEAP," themes for the weeks of testing.

These tests can be difficult, are time consuming and are very important to the future of our children and the schools. MEAP results are used to help align curriculum standards, analyze grade level requirements, measure the school's Adequate Yearly Progress and evaluate each student's individual progress, so it is important that students and families have a positive attitude about the tests.

Studies from around the United States show that children who eat a good breakfast are better able to concentrate, learn and recall information that they have learned. Breakfast does not always have to

be a big production.

Today's families are so busy, that making a breakfast in the morning is just one more thing families don't have time for, so they revert to stand-bys like cereal or pastries that are often eaten on the run. Some easy and quick ideas for breakfast that can be made ahead include hard-boiled eggs, roll-ups (slice of turkey or ham rolled over a piece of cheese), even left-over's from dinners like spaghetti or cold pizza are sound breakfast choices. Other simple and quick out-the-door breakfast snacks include fresh fruit, whole grain crackers, cheese, yogurt, nuts or peanut butter and low-sugar jelly sandwiches. Top any of the choices off with a cup of milk or juice and the student has the nutrients and calories to fire up their brains on test days.

A proper sleep habit is an essential part of a child's education and can be a key element in test results. Adolescents should get between 8 and 10 hours of sleep based on individual needs

and age, but sleep deprivation can impair memory and inhibit creativity making it difficult for sleep deprived students to learn.

Here are a few simple sleep hygiene tips for school students:

Stay away from caffeine after noon. Eliminate "energy" drinks high in sugar and caffeine from a student's diet.

Avoid heavy studying or computer games just before bed as they can be brain-stimulating.

Try to keep lights in the house as much like natural light as possible—turn on lights when you get up in the morning and start to dim them in the house as the day draws to a close. It helps the body recognize a natural sleep-wake pattern.

Avoid trying to sleep with a computer, TV or lights flickering in the room. Let students sleep in on the weekend, but no more than two or three hours later than their usual awakening time or it will disrupt their sleep rhythm leaving them more tired.

Allow enough time for students

to "wake up" before they go to school—students who are groggy or drowsy are not good learners.

Attitude plays a key roll in how students interpret the "necessary evil" of testing. Having a positive attitude about testing and encouraging students to set goals for improving their own results sets a positive tone at home around testing times. Parents who are concerned about test anxiety or a student's ability to achieve on any test should talk to the counselor at their child's school. Working together, schools and families can do a lot to improve student's results on tests like the MEAP.



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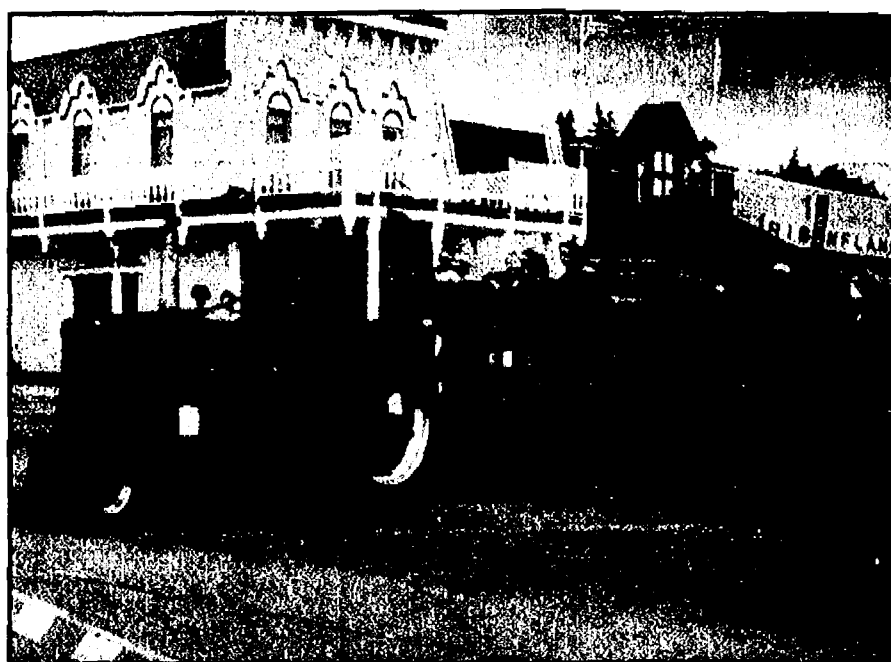


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## Harvest Fest draws a crowd

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Downtown Grayling was alive with activity last weekend as area residents celebrated the first annual Grayling Harvest Fest. The event featured an antique tractor show, hayrides, a farmer's market and a special presentation from the Northern Michigan Railroad Club.

The event was essentially intended as a replacement for the Crawford County Historical Society's Polar Express train ride that had taken place at this time in recent years.

What is the next best thing to a full-scale train? Perhaps a lot of small scale trains. Six representatives from a model railroading organization, called the Northern Michigan Railroad Club, set up a massive display inside the old Northern Concepts building.

The interactive display took up the back third of the building. It featured a large layout with model trains, including engines, passenger cars and freight cars.

Trains make you feel like an adult and when you're an adult trains make you feel like a kid," said model train operator Tom Lyons.

Although club members handled the surprisingly complicated task of operating the engines, the public had a chance to interact with the display, too. A series of easily accessible buttons activated everything from whistles and lights to model airplanes. These controls were a popular choice for kids at the event.

"You see some of the faces of these young kids and it makes it all worthwhile," said Lyons.

He noted that there is something about model trains that has the ability to bring young kids together with older generations.

"If you are that age or you're 90, there's a commonality with model trains," said Lyons.

He admitted that the appeal is somewhat mysterious.

"When you think about it, it's just a bunch of trains going around in a circle," said Lyons.

"You think, that's pretty boring, you know, but it's not."

Grayling resident Tom Riegle came out to the event with his five-year-old grandson, Carson. He said he wanted to share the magic he felt when he was a kid.

"When I was like five or six years old, I'd sit here and I'd play with my cars and I'd watch this train going around for hours," said Riegle.

He said that this was the first time his grandson had ever seen a model train display. Carson seemed to be just as captivated by the trains as his grandfather.

"They have always fascinated me," said Riegle.

A model train swap was hosted inside the building to give local model railroading enthusiasts a chance to start their own collections or enhance existing displays.

Lyons said that eBay has made it easier to find specific trains or cars that a collector might need to complete a railroad. He added that it is always best to avoid a bidding war if possible.

"If you have the option to buy it now on eBay, you buy it," said Lyons.

Kay Cosgray, of the Crawford County Historical Society, said she felt that the overall event was a success.

"The community turned out," said Cosgray.

She said that overall attendance for the inaugural event was "better than expected."

The Grayling Harvest Fest will take place on the same weekend next year.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of Sept. 28 - Oct. 5:

Six traffic warnings, one traffic control situation, one misdemeanor arrest, two civil infractions, one disturbance complaint, one alarm complaint, one animal control complaint, six larceny complaints, two civil complaints, one MDOP, one violation of public health code (drugs) and 18 unclassified complaints.

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# Township seeks input on fire department stalemate

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Township and city officials to oversee the operations of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

The lawsuit was prompted after failed negotiations to renew a mutual operating agreement between the city and the township which expired in June 2007.

The Grayling City Council has proposed that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department be considered as a department of the city and administered by Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

On Sept. 22, the township board and city council met to discuss a 2009 operating agreement for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, which was sent to the township in June. A mediation was also held between the parties in June.

The terms of the contract call for the township to pay 60 percent of the operating costs for the fire department, with the city covering 40 percent of the expenses. Also, the township board and city council would meet twice a year to discuss the fire department's policies, budget and other related issues.

Thayer said he has sent an amended operating agreement to the township board for its meeting, adding provisions that state that funds from fire department equipment sold will be used to purchase new equipment or will go into a capital equipment reserve fund. A provision was also added that states that the city would cover the liability for firefighters and the fire department, even if an incident called into question occurs in the township.

The operating agreement offered to the township is for 10 years. City officials said they will discuss future funding formulas based on the risk of fires in each municipality. Thayer said the formula to develop the funding agreement would be based on population, the number of improved parcels in each municipality and State Equalized Values (SEVs) for each municipality.

Thayer said he hopes that the lawsuit will be dropped and the fire department contractual stalemate will come to an end after the township board's hearing.

"This is the best offer we can give to them, so I'll be interested to see what they have to say," Thayer said.

The purpose of the public hearing for the township board is to take input on whether the township board should continue or dismiss the lawsuit against the city. Township officials are asking 46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen for a court order to divide fire trucks, equipment and interests, in the current and former fire department buildings, between the city and the township if a pact between the municipalities cannot be reached.

The board is also seeking input on whether it should accept or reject the agreement offered by the city, giving city officials exclusive administrative authority over the fire department and fire department assets. Grayling Charter Township

Supervisor Terry Wright said township officials hope to hear from a good cross section of residents who have both pro and con opinions on the lingering fire department issue.

"We will discuss the whole issue with the people and kind of get the flavor of what the people would like us to do," Wright said.

The township board plans to discuss, approve, deny or table the remaining issues once input from citizens have been heard and the public hearing is closed.

"I don't know if we'll do anything with it, but we'll put it up for action," Wright said.

City officials have adopted a fee for service schedule for fire department runs to the township while the lawsuit and contract talks are pending, asking the township to pay for each run located in the township until an agreement is finalized.

The entire roster of the volunteer fire department has asked city and township officials to resolve the dispute and move forward.

Thayer said he hopes township officials are not waiting until after the Nov. 4 general election to resolve the dispute, and ensures township residents that fire department services are still available in the township.

Thayer also questioned the township's ability to create its own fire department to service its residents.

"It's not something that you can create overnight," Thayer said. "We have done what we can to help them out and we're not going to have their constituents being put at risk during these deliberations."

Since the City of Grayling was incorporated in 1935, it has sponsored a volunteer fire department under the city manager's direction.

The city formally created a fire department in 1947, under the direction of the city manager, and provided fire services county wide.

In 1973, the city declared that it could no longer provide fire services county wide. Grayling Township agreed to contract with the city for services. The rest of the townships started their own fire departments.

The first legal mutual operating agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township was approved in 1974, according to city officials in response to the lawsuit.

Township officials claim that they have had an agreement to operate the fire department with the city for 61 years.

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Jacob Demaray, who shot a 200-pound feral hog this summer, recently took his first whitetail deer while hunting in Roscommon County. "I just wanted to get a nice-sized deer, but didn't expect an eight-point," said Demaray. He was assisted by a couple of friends from the Roscommon Baptist Church, Dan Holbrook (pictured with Demaray above) and Dr. Mike Ritchie (not pictured). "The kid made a great shot at 150 yards," Holbrook said. "Not many adults could have made that shot."

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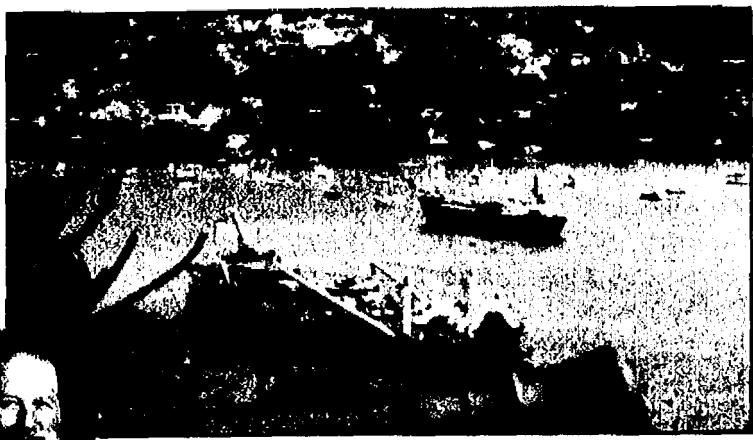
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## The Monarch loses another 60 feet

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"I went down to look at it and sure enough ... more than half of it came down," said Kasmer.

The tree lost over 60 feet off the top. What remains of the old growth white pine stands between 55 and 60 feet tall.

"It had probably broke off about five feet from an area where we all thought it was going to snap at," said Kasmer.

Kasmer said that since the tree died in 1996, gradual deterioration of the remains made the loss inevitable.

"It was slowly starting to lean more and more," said Kasmer.

At its peak, the Monarch was 155 feet tall. The lightning strike in 1992 took 35 feet off the top. It also severely reduced the tree's ability to photosynthesize.

Heavy foot traffic at the base of the giant made it even harder for the massive pine to survive, compacting the ground and damaging the root system.

"Nearly everybody wants to hop over the fence and hug the tree," said Kasmer.

When the Monarch finally died four years after the lightning strike, it was over 300 years old.

Kasmer said that although the remains of the tree are now greatly diminished, the base of the once-great pine will remain a highlight on the old-growth trail.

"It still stands as a testament of what it used to be," said Kasmer.

Although the giant tree was one of the park's major attractions, staff are in no rush to name

a successor.

"One of the most frequent questions we get here is ... are you going to name another monarch?" said Kasmer.

The answer is no, at least for the time being. Park employees are concerned that concentrated foot traffic would cause the same root damage that the original Monarch suffered.

"If we do that, then everybody's going to want to hug that one," said Kasmer.

Kasmer suggested that the loss of the Monarch will hopefully encourage guests to look at the old-growth forest as a whole rather than concentrating on a single tree.

"A lot of the trees are really big and one tree does not make the forest," said Kasmer. "I've found a few that are just massive."

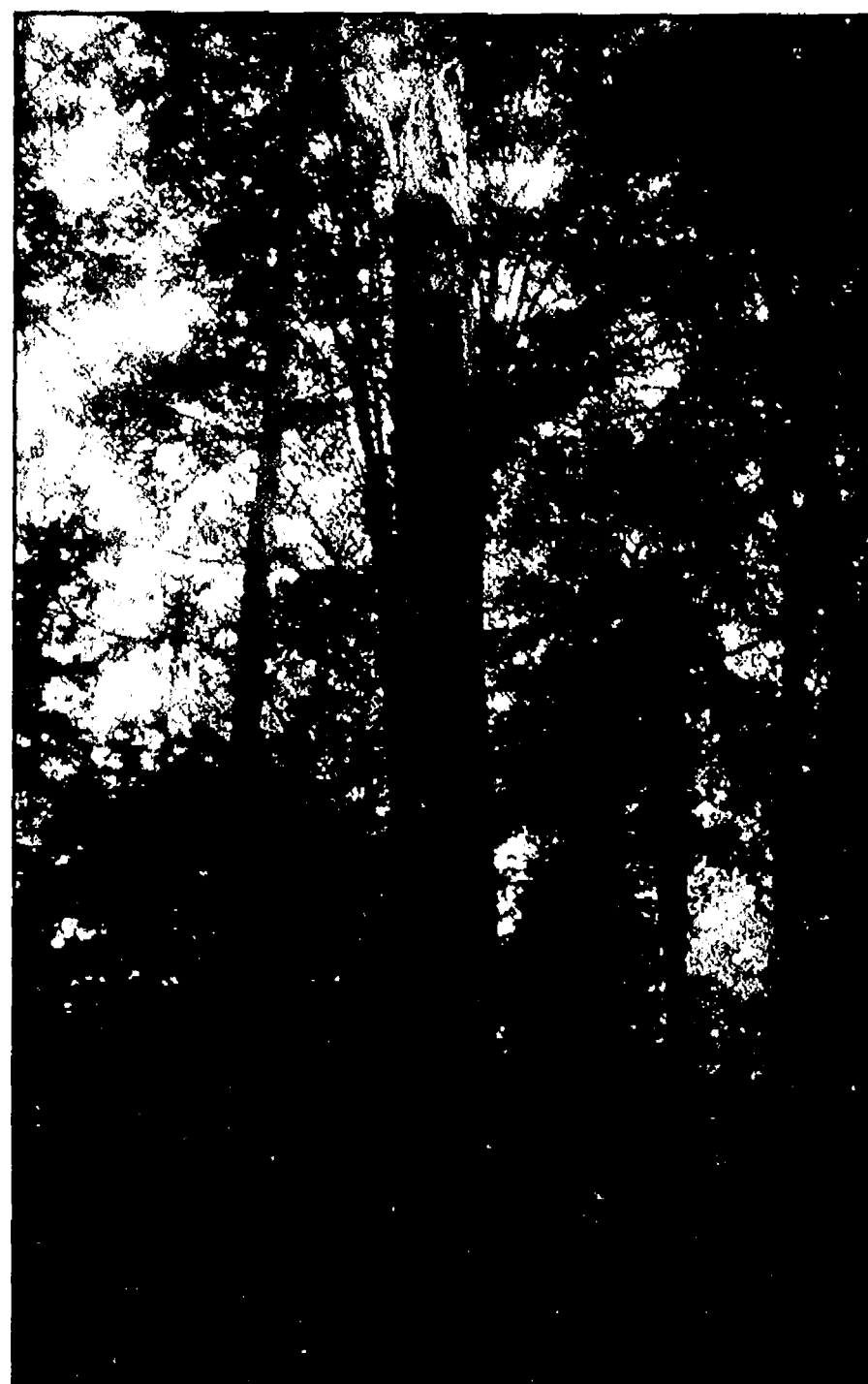
In fact, park employees have known for years that, even at its peak, the Monarch was never actually the tallest tree in the forest. It was considered to be the "biggest" because it was very tall and exceptionally wide at its base.

There is a grey barked white pine visible near the Monarch that stands 158 feet tall, which is actually three feet taller than the Monarch ever stood.

"We have possibly the tallest white pines and red pines in America," said Kasmer.

White and red pines in the park typically stand about 10 feet taller than the national average, according to Kasmer.

He believes that this is all the



The remainder of the Monarch now stands between 55 and 60 feet tall. The tree will continue to be a point of interest on the old-growth trail. It will remain fenced off to protect guests from falling bark as the trunk continues to deteriorate.

more reason to preserve, cherish and enjoy Hartwick Pines State Park.

"The whole forest itself is what makes this place special," said Kasmer.

## Planners wrap up transportation study

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Along with allowing non-destination traffic to more easily travel west of Grayling, the interchange and upgraded road would also provide access to Mercy

Hospital Grayling, and neighboring medical offices, and accommodate troops traveling to ranges east of Grayling off of North Down River Road.

The plan also recommends upgrades for Military Road and Four Mile Road to divert trucks from traveling on the I-75 Business Loop. The grade of the curve and hill on M-93 near Camp Grayling would be altered to encourage trucks to use the by-pass route. Signs would be placed on U.S. 127 and I-75 to inform truck drivers of the route.

Planners are also recommending the I-75 overpass at M-93 be widened to accommodate non-motorized travelers heading to and from the Hartwick Pines State Park.

Finally, planners are recommending a review and upgrade of deer crossing warning signs, which would potentially reduce the number of car-deer accidents which exceed statewide crash statistics in a few locations in Crawford County.

Relieving traffic congestion in Grayling, providing easy access to and from I-75 and creating more opportunities for non-motorized travelers were main points gathered from citizen input during the study.

Grayling City Manager David

Thayer said the full access interchange at North Down River Road would go a long way toward easing congestion and making the community more friendly for area residents and tourists.

"It really corrects a big sin when the town fathers did not want easy access to the freeway," Thayer said. "It would really get rid of some of the traffic density when they'll have access from the freeway and would allow people to travel more freely when they come into town."

Local officials would have to get Congress to change a federal regulation regarding the location and proximity of interchanges in rural areas changed in order to move the North Down River Road project forward. Officials would then have to find a pot of local, state and federal money to fund the project.

Thayer said that he believes the community's chances bode well for a federal earmark for a part of the project since Camp Grayling is being used more to train troops for the global war on terrorism.

"I think it's a major step forward and will open our region up a little more as far as transportation," Thayer said. "It's one of the highest priorities that we

have."

Gaila Gilliland, the director of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, said having the plan in place and community involvement would be necessary to move the interchange project forward.

"This is something that many, many different people, representing many different parts of the community, have said is a priority, to have easy on and easy off access from the freeway," Gilliland said. "This is, theoretically, the best we could do."

Improving the I-75 Business Loop interchange and building an interchange at M-72 East were explored as other options in the study, but were deemed to be too costly.

Improvements to the interchange at Four Mile Road interchange depended on the future of the proposed Mainstreet America Inc. theme park. State officials have given theme park developers a February 2009 deadline to secure financing for the project.

Some recommendations were made for the I-75 Business Loop and adjacent roads. Planners said that access issues should be addressed during MDOT's \$4.8 million project to reconstruct the roadway from M-72 East to M-72 West next year. Plans call for establishing five lanes of traffic, with a left middle turn lane, from M-72 East to Charles Street, just before the AuSable River Bridge. The planned lane configuration would then be decreased down to three lanes, extending to M-72 West with a middle turn lane, to ease the flow of traffic through town.

Construction is expected to begin on April 15, 2009, and will stretch through October. Planners and MDOT officials are calling for altering the timing of traffic signals in the community to address congestion during peak morning and afternoon traveling periods.

The transportation study was aimed to address the local transportation system's suitability for the next 20 years. Crawford County's population is projected to increase by 46 percent to 20,900 residents by 2020, and Roscommon County's population is expected to increase by 30 percent to 33,200 residents. Job growth is expected in the service and health care related industries.

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## Second half comeback forces a 28-28 tie vs. Harbor Springs

JV football team scores all of its points in 2nd half

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

In the first half of last Thursday's junior varsity football game, the Grayling Vikings committed three costly turnovers – including an interception that the visiting Harbor Springs Rams returned for a touchdown – and didn't score any points. In the second half, the Vikings forced three turnovers, scored 28 points, and were an extra point conversion away from winning a contest that ended in a 28-28 tie.

Grayling's first possession of the game ended with a lost fumble on 3rd and 22.

On 3rd and 22 for Harbor Springs, Riley Zigila intercepted a pass to get the ball back for the Vikings. The resulting series ended with a punt on 4th and 1.

Harbor Springs finished a four-play, 49-yard drive with a 22-yard TD run on 1st and 10. The two-point conversion attempt failed. The Rams led 6-0 with 3:18 left in the first period.

Grayling punted on 4th and 7. Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 8, but the Vikings fumbled the kick and the Rams recovered the loose ball. On the next play, Harbor Springs threw deep for a 40-yard TD. With the two-point conversion, Harbor Springs led 14-0.

Grayling started at its 28-yard line. Two runs by David Bergan picked up 11 yards. A pass from quarterback Zane Tobin to Steven Enos gained 11 yards and another first down. Passes from Tobin to Tyler Brigham and Nick McDonald brought up 1st and 10 at Harbor Springs' 36-yard line. On 2nd and 8, the Rams intercepted a Grayling pass and ran it all the way to the end zone for a touchdown. With the two-point conversion,

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Photos by Caleb Casey

Nick McDonald runs with the ball after catching a pass during Thursday night's JV game against Harbor Springs.



Riley Zigila carries the ball during an interception return on Thursday night vs. the Harbor Springs Rams.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling defenders team up for a stop during last Friday's game at Harbor Springs.

## Vikings overcome five turnovers in 18-13 win at Harbor Springs

Grayling seals victory with late defensive stand

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity football team overcame an early deficit and five turnovers – including four in the first half – during last Friday's 18-13 league victory vs. the Rams at Harbor Springs.

Cody Myers returned the opening kickoff to the 49-yard line, giving Grayling good field position for its first possession. Quarterback Jimmy Osga passed to Geo Bindschatel on 2nd and 3 for a 24-yard gain. Three plays later, on 4th and 10, Harbor Springs intercepted a Grayling pass attempt in the end zone.

Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 13. Grayling turned the ball over on downs with an incomplete pass on 4th and 12 – the seventh play of the possession.

The Rams finished a six-play, 61-yard drive with a 36-yard TD pass on 3rd and 7. Harbor

Springs kicked the extra point and led 7-0 with 4:38 left in the first period.

Grayling drove from its 29-yard to Harbor Springs' 21-yard line with an eight-play series. On 2nd and 10, the Vikings fumbled and Harbor Springs recovered the loose ball. Grayling's defense forced Harbor Springs to punt on 4th and 13.

The Vikings started 49 yards from the goal line after the kick. Osga connected with Ferrigan on a deep pass on 2nd and 10 for a 46-yard gain. On 1st and goal, Osga threw to Tyler Steffey in the end zone for a TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Harbor Springs led 7-6 with 10:51 left in the first half.

Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 10 and downed the ball at Grayling's 1-yard line. Osga threw deep to Ferrigan for a 44-yard gain on 1st and 10. On 2nd and 10, Harbor Springs intercepted a Grayling pass.

The Rams punted on 4th and 13. Grayling turned the ball over on downs with an incomplete pass on 4th and 12 – the seventh play of the possession.

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See "VIKINGS..."

## Volleyball team competes in Northwood Tournament

Vikings place fourth in Grayling Invitational

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball squad played against four different teams during a meet at Northwood University on Saturday, Oct. 4.

"It was great competition down there," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said. "We were able to play all teams from different areas and classes. Our pool was Bay City Western, Class A, Cass City, Class C, Fenton, Class A, and Almont, Class B. All the teams were strong and our kids, at times, gave them a run. The kids played with confidence – they kept the matches close."

"I take them down there to see the different tempos of the game and prove to them that they are doing the right things – we just need to keep working harder. We played great defense, but failed to put down kills. We tended to lose the first game by a lot and play the second game with more confidence. It was a learning experience. We were even able to watch a Northwood college game the night before, which was great for the kids to see," Coach Szymoniak said.

Cass City defeated GHS 21-16, 21-11. Grayling fell to Fenton 21-2, 21-14. Almont won 21-6, 21-14 vs. GHS. The Vikings lost to Bay City Western 21-6, 21-14.

Joni Bindschatel led Grayling in aces (3) and digs (10).

"(Joni) played the back row great," Coach Szymoniak said. "The team serve received well at 75 percent, which is an improvement."

Josie Swander led the team in assists (9) and Suzanne Hause led the squad in kills (8).

The Vikings lost a best-of-five league series at Boyne City last Thursday.

"The kids played very flat in their first two games and finished much stronger (in) the third game," Coach Szymoniak said.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Vikings hosted their annual Grayling Invitational meet.

"The girls played much better on Saturday and you could tell that they were having fun. This was the first time we have made it out of pool play in a couple of years," Coach Szymoniak said.

In pool play, Grayling lost to Kalkaska (21-25, 13-25), defeat-

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See "VOLLEYBALL..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Sam Schreiber hits the ball for Grayling during a recent meet vs. the Kalkaska Blazers.

## Soccer team wins 3-1 at Harbor Springs

Vikings fall to Ogemaw Heights at West Branch

The GHS varsity boys soccer team won one game and lost one game last week.

On Tuesday night, Grayling defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 3-1 in a league contest played at Harbor Springs. Trevor Dewitt, Nick Wells, and Matt Hilbrecht scored goals for GHS.

"Trevor Dewitt scored off of an assist from JJ Haupt. Trevor outran everyone to create a one-on-one with the keeper and scored. The second goal came off of a Matt Hilbrecht shot that bounced down off of the cross bar. Nick Wells was there to deflect it into the back of the net. The third goal came off of a Matt Hilbrecht corner kick. He curled the ball into the goal on the near post and caught the goalie off guard," Coach Craig Cobb said. "It was a good game and the guys played their heart out."

On Thursday, the Vikings fell to the Ogemaw Heights Falcons 5-2 in a game played at West Branch.

"We came out passing the ball well, and soon scored off a cross from Colin Hamlin to a shot from JJ Haupt that was deflected into the goal. Ogemaw fought back though, and by halftime they were up 3-1. In the second half, we came out much more aggressive, and for the next 20 minutes we were in control of the game. Trevor Dewitt scored off of a mishandled ball by Ogemaw's keeper. After we scored our second goal, Ogemaw took back control of the game," Coach Cobb said.

The Vikings (4-10-1 overall, 3-6 league) will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 5 p.m. Districts start on Monday, Oct. 13.

"The Harbor Springs game was a great example of how good our team can be when we play to our full potential. This was a team that beat us earlier in the season and we completely controlled the game when we met them for the second time. I'm excited to see our team intensity pick up and looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the last week of our season," Coach Cobb said.



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# Vikings overcome five turnovers in 18-13 win at Harbor Springs

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18, giving GHS the ball at its 20-yard line. On 2nd and 10, Harbor Springs intercepted a pass and returned it to the 17-yard line.

The Rams completed a pass on 1st and 10 for a 13-yard gain. Penalties moved Harbor Springs back. On 4th and goal at the 10-yard line, Harbor Springs completed a pass and the receiver — while he was being tackled short of the goal line — tossed the ball into the end zone to a teammate, a play that resulted in an illegal forward pass penalty and a turnover on downs.

Grayling punted on 4th and 10. On 3rd and 11, Harbor Springs fumbled and Matt Haight recovered the ball for the Vikings.

Grayling started 43 yards from the goal line. On 4th and 10, Osga threw deep but the receiver dropped a potential touchdown catch, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Harbor Springs led 7-6 at half-time.

The Rams recovered Grayling's on-side kick to start the second half. The drive ended with a punt on 4th and 33.

Osga threw to Trent Larm for an 18-yard gain on the first play of the possession. A pass from Osga to Myers gained nine yards. On 2nd and 1, Osga completed a pass to Ferrigan for a 27-yard gain. A run by Tyler Hanson picked up 10 yards. On 2nd and goal, Osga connected with Myers in the end zone for a TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 12-7 with 6:51 left in the third quarter.

Harbor Springs responded with a nine-play, 63-yard touchdown drive. The series included two fourth down conversions, including a TD pass on 4th and 7. The extra point attempt failed. Harbor Springs led 13-12 with 2:30 left in the third quarter.

The next two possessions — one by each team — ended with punts.

Grayling drove 70 yards on 10 plays and scored on a five-yard shovel pass from Osga to Hanson. The series also included a 14-yard pass to Myers, an 11-yard pass to Hanson on 4th and 10, and a 15-yard run by Osga.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Joey Contreras joins his teammates on the field at Harbor Springs during pregame player introductions on Friday night.



Grayling's offense runs a play on Friday night at Harbor Springs.

The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 18-13 with 19 seconds left in the third period.

Harbor Springs turned the ball over on downs in Grayling territory. The Vikings punted after six plays.

The Rams drove from their 20-yard line to Grayling's 28-yard line. A sack by Haight resulted in a 15-yard loss. A sack by Bindschatel on 3rd and 24 forced a punt on 4th and 30.

Grayling took over at its 13 yard line with 3:14 left in the game. A pass to Steffey gained 15 yards. A pass to Myers gained 12 yards. On the next play, Osga broke free for a 60-yard TD run, but the play was nullified by a holding penalty. On 2nd and 12, an interception ended the series.

Harbor Springs took over with 2:01 left in regulation. Jake Aubry sacked the QB for a 14-yard loss on second down. On 4th and 24, Steffey deflected a Harbor Springs pass attempt to force a turnover on downs.

Grayling won 18-13.

Osga completed 25 of 57 pass attempts for 369 yards, three TDs, and four interceptions. Ferrigan finished with four catches for 146 yards. Steffey had four receptions for 35 yards and one TD. Myers caught seven

passes for 69 yards and one TD. Hanson caught six balls for 55 yards and one TD. Larm had two receptions for 40 yards.

On defense, Bindschatel had 16 tackles and one sack. Haight had nine tackles, three sacks, and one fumble recovery. Larm had five tackles, two sacks, and two forced fumbles. Zach Wolcott had eight tackles. Aubry had five tackles and one sack. Lewis had four tackles and one sack.

"We learned that we can never overlook any opponent tonight. Harbor Springs is much improved, but we should have taken care of them early on. Bad calls by myself and physical mistakes led to us being down at halftime. Jimmy had poor throws, and when he was on, his receivers dropped balls. This all leads back to us not being prepared for the rain. I should have simulated this type of game with using a wet ball more frequently in practice. It was my fault that we didn't execute like we are capable of," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Still, we made adjustments and had a better second half. We realized that the wet conditions made our jet sweep ineffective. We threw short routes and that neutralized their blitzing. Once they backed off, we were able to

roll out and make some big plays," Coach Brock said.

"Our defense played much better this week. Our changes in scheme stopped their run game. Geo Bindschatel had 16 tackles and a sack and Matt Haight had nine tackles and three sacks. We do need to get better at defending the pass, as Harbor Springs did some good things with their new stack formation," Coach Brock said.

"The good news is that we still won the game playing at our worst. Jimmy Osga set (Grayling High School's) season touchdown passing record at 19, breaking Bruce Burkett's 1970 record of 17. He also has added to his passing yardage record and now has 1,904 yards after six games. Eric Ferrigan was the leading receiver with 146 yards on five catches. Tyler Hanson, Cody Myers, and Tyler Steffey all had touchdown receptions," Coach Brock said.

"Now it is time to enjoy homecoming against Kalkaska. If we execute and perform well, we will have a shot at making the playoffs. We have confidence and the ability to do what needs to be done," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings (4-2 overall, 2-2 conference) will host Kalkaska on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

## REDSKINS FOOTBALL

**Freshman 1 (5th and 6th grade)** — The Grayling Redskins freshman 1 team lost 20-13 to the Alpena Jets on Saturday, Oct. 3.

On offense, Danny Schultz had 17 carries for 83 yards with one TD. Emmett Helsel carried the ball 12 times for 52 yards. Gunner Metzger threw for 76 yards. Hailey Whittaker had a 28-yard reception for a TD.

Defensively, Helsel led Grayling with 19 tackles. Ryan Schultz had eight tackles and D. Schultz had six tackles. Whittaker also had six tackles.

Joseph Castillo, Zack Cheney, and Dallas Johnson each had four tackles. Spenser Kent, Dylan Stowell, Metzger, James Castillo, Jared Gailitis, Alex Payne, Logan Duvall, and Zane Pittman also had tackles for the Redskins.

"We had several scoring opportunities, but we couldn't capitalize on them," Coach Jake Helsel said.

"We made a few mental mistakes that subsequently led to our downfall," Coach Larry Duvall said.

## HONORS (SPORTS)

Jason Drudge, a 2008 Grayling High School graduate, recently finished second in a 5K foot race held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

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# Second half comeback forces a 28-28 tie vs. Harbor Springs

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Harbor Springs led 22-0.

Camren Wilson recovered Harbor Springs' on-side kick, giving GHS the ball at the 50-yard line. With an incomplete pass on 4th and 3 – the seventh play of the series – Grayling surrendered the ball on downs.

Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 14, and Grayling took over 44 yards from the goal line. The Vikings gained 17 yards on a pass from Tobin to Bergan. On 4th and 8, a bad snap resulted in a completion for a short gain and a turnover on downs.

The Rams punted on 4th and 12. Grayling ran the ball twice and the first half ended with Harbor Springs on top, 22-0.

Grayling received the kickoff to start the second half. A pass to Enos gained 24 yards. On 4th and 7, Tobin passed to Enos for a 12-yard gain. Brigham ran for 13 yards on the next play. Two runs by Bergan brought up 1st and goal at the 5-yard line. On 2nd and goal, Craig Collen ran the ball into the end zone for a TD. Tobin passed to Enos for the two-point conversion. Grayling trailed 22-8.

On 3rd and 30, following a sack by Joe White and Matt Dunkel, Bergan intercepted a deep pass attempt by Harbor Springs.

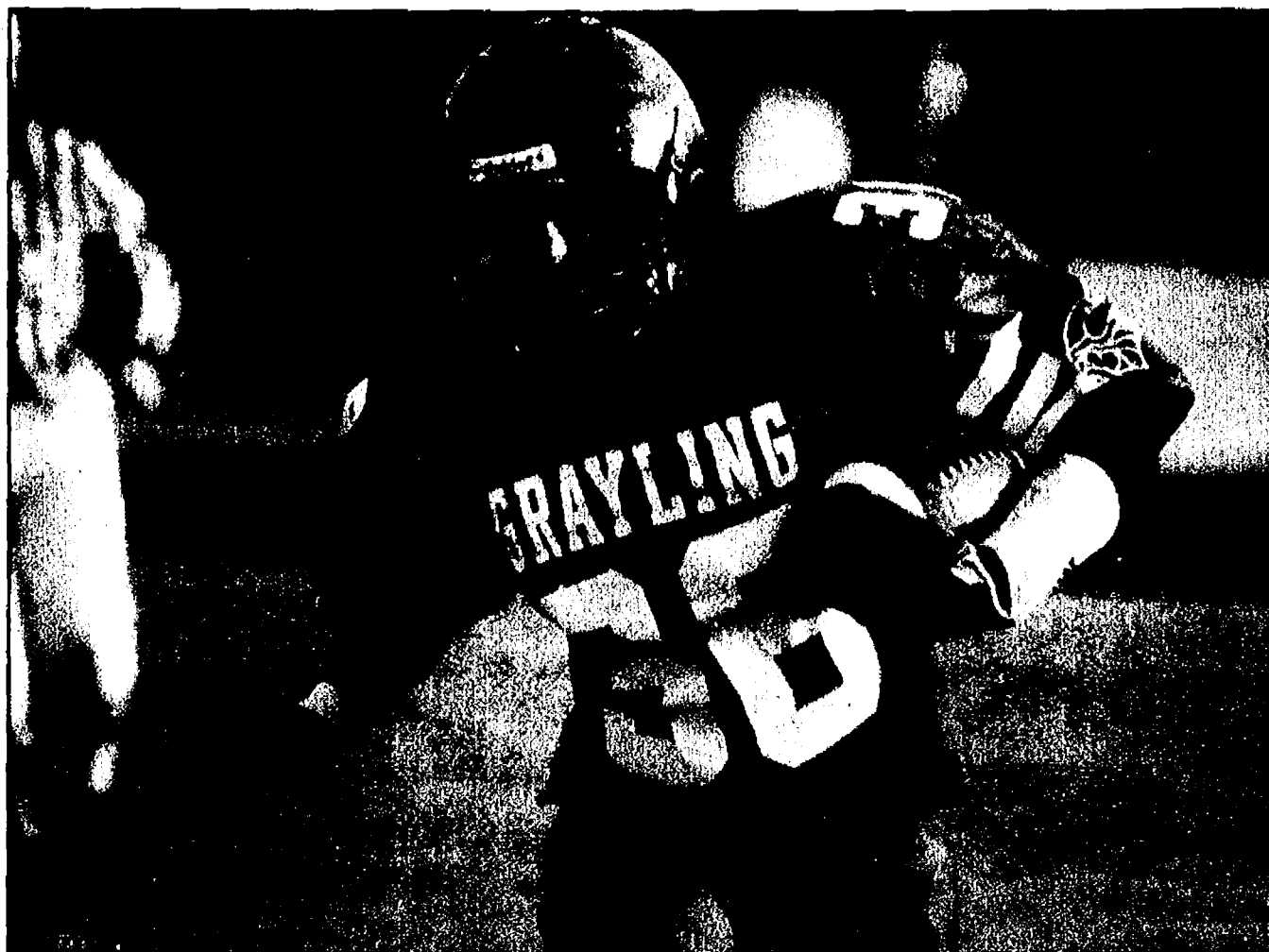
Grayling punted on 4th and 8.

After the kick, Harbor Springs started at its 12-yard line. On 2nd and 9 – the fifth play of the possession – Bergan posted his second interception of the contest for the Vikings.

The Vikings capitalized on the turnover with an 11-play, 53-yard scoring drive. The series included an 11-yard pass to Brigham, an 11-yard pass to McDonald, and a 19-yard run by Collen. On 4th and goal – mere inches from the goal line – Tobin plunged into the end zone on a QB sneak. Tobin ran for the two-point conversion, and the Vikings trailed 22-16 with 10:39 left in regulation.

Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 9 and Grayling started at its 45-yard line.

Tobin passed to Brigham for a 19-yard gain. Grayling picked up another first down with a pass to Bergan and a run by Collen. On 2nd and 8, Tobin completed a short pass to Brigham, who evaded defenders on his way to a 23-yard TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. The score was tied at 22-22 with 6:59 left in the game.



David Bergan carries the ball for Grayling during last Thursday's JV football game vs. the Harbor Springs Rams.

On 3rd and 4, Devon Dawson sacked the Harbor Springs QB to force a punt. Grayling punted on 4th and 5.

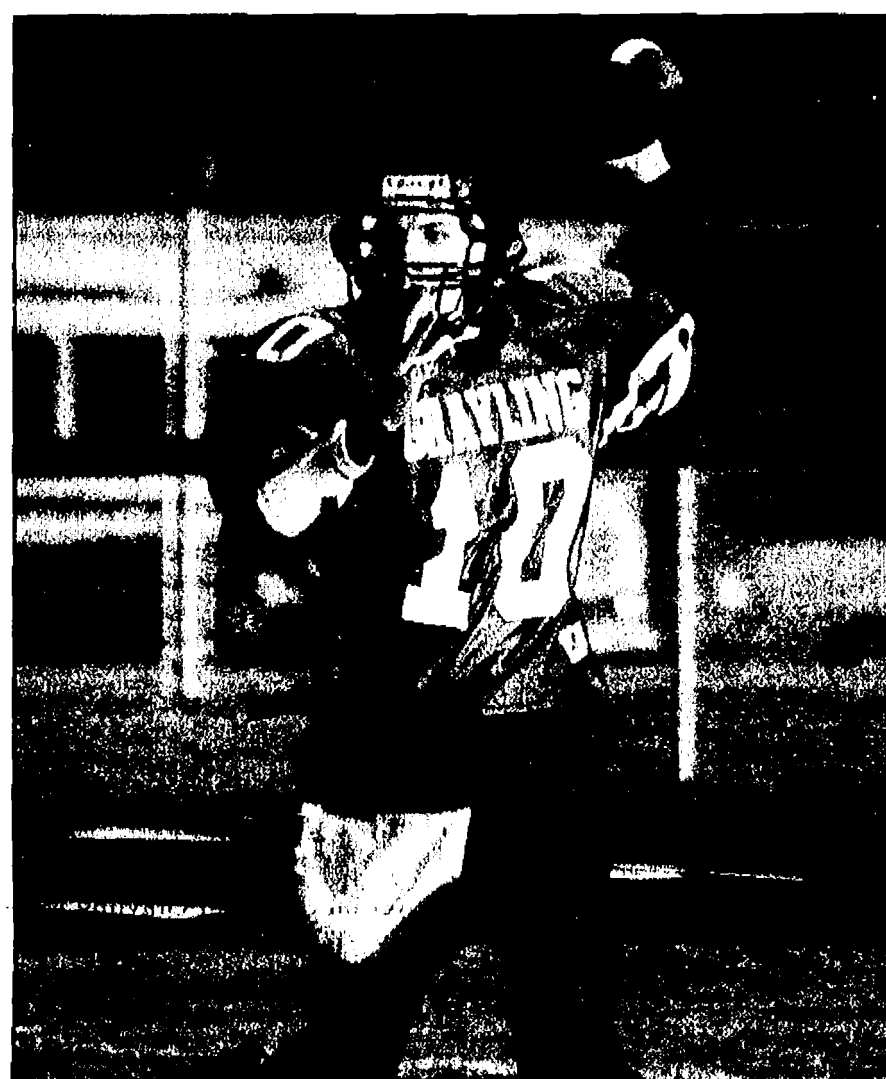
The punt return put the Rams at Grayling's 30-yard line. On 2nd and 5, Harbor Springs broke free for a 25-yard TD run. The Vikings stopped the two-point conversion attempt. Harbor Springs led 28-22 with 2:04 left in regulation.

Grayling started at its 33-yard line after the kickoff. A deep pass to Brigham gained 21 yards. On 3rd and 11, a pass to Enos gained 14 yards. On the next play, Brigham caught a deep pass from Tobin for a 29-yard gain. After three goal-to-go situations, Tobin completed a pass to Enos in the end zone on fourth down for a game-tying TD. Grayling's pass attempt on the conversion play fell incomplete. The score was tied at 28-28 with 20 seconds remaining.

On 1st and 10, Zigila intercepted Harbor Springs' deep pass attempt. Grayling took over at its 45-yard line with seven seconds remaining. A pass attempt on 1st and 10 fell incomplete and the game ended in a 28-28 tie. (JV squads do not play overtime.)

Grayling finished with 274 passing yards and 101 rushing yards. The offensive line posted an 80 percent blocking rate – the team's highest percentage so far this year, Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Tobin completed 25 of 45 pass



Quarterback Zane Tobin throws a pass on Thursday night vs. Harbor Springs.

attempts for 274 yards and two TDs. Brigham had six receptions for 95 yards and one TD. Enos caught 10 passes for 97 yards and one TD. Bergan had 126 total yards of offense – 70 yards rushing and 56 yards receiving.

Leading tacklers for the Vikings included: Dunkel (7), Griffin Dean (6), Enos (5), Wilson (4). Bergan and Zigila each had two interceptions.

"We don't play with the same sense of urgency during the first half as we do in the second. Every game this year we have trailed at halftime. I give the kids credit – they keep fighting – but we must have a better start to the game for our last three games," Coach Kucharek said.

Grayling (4-1-1 overall, 3-0-1 league) will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Oct. 9.

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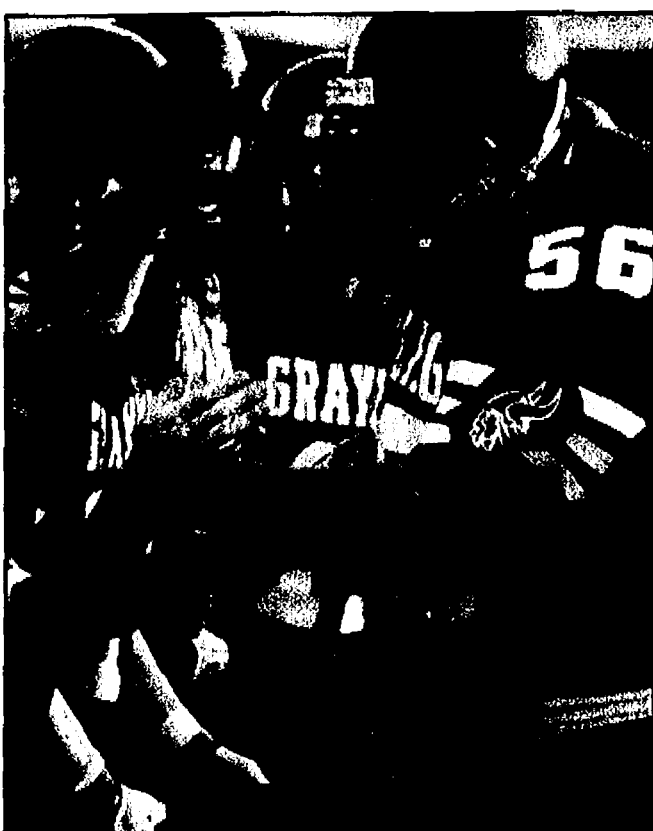
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Sam Brantley, left, joins his teammates at the 50-yard line during player introductions on Thursday. Tyler Brigham, right, runs with the ball after catching a pass.



Devon Dawson tackles a Harbor Springs player on Thursday.

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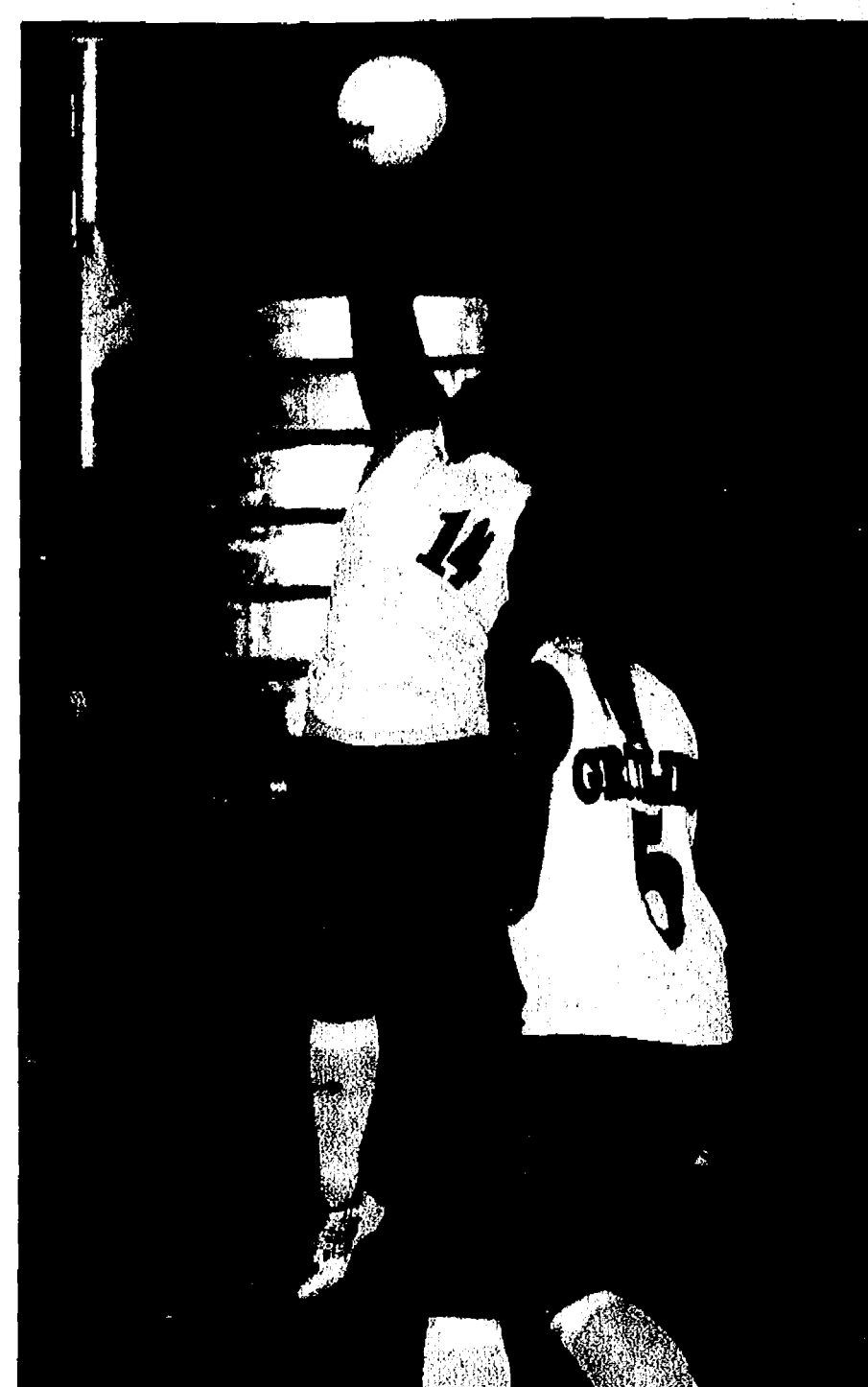
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Savannah Foguth, left, hits the ball for the Vikings during a recent meet against Kalkaska. Cayla Johnson, right, goes up for a shot near the net vs. the Blazers.



## Volleyball team competes in Northwood Tournament

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ed Houghton Lake (25-19, 25-18), and split with Harrison (25-16, 24-25). In the semifinals, Grayling lost to Kingsley (11-25, 18-25). Kingsley defeated Kalkaska in the finals to win the tournament.

In the battle for third place, Forest Area defeated Grayling, 25-22, 25-21 in two close games.

"This was their best match of the day. They stayed with them the whole time. Joni Bindschatel made (the) all-tournament team, which is picked by the coaches without voting for (their) own players," Coach Szymoniak said.

Bindschatel led the team in digs (14) and aces (9), and she had 11 kills. Gracie Calkins led the squad in kills (13) and solo blocks (11). Swander led the Vikings in assists (30). Savannah Foguth had 19 assists.

"All the kids did a great job stepping into unfamiliar roles on the team, like Anna Hagerman on defense and Sam Schreiber

serving. I am hoping the kids took with them some confidence, because they are a good team and can play with the best of them when they believe," Coach Szymoniak said.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, the Vikings hosted Kalkaska for a league series. The Blazers won 25-11, 25-15, 25-22.

Calkins had five kills and Ashley Feldhauser had three kills. Cayla Johnson and Foguth each had six assists. Hause led the team in aces and Sierra Williamson had five digs on defense.

"It was a very hard loss to take. The girls took a while to get settled down and by then it was too late. They made some adjustments and I thought that we were going to go into a fourth game, but the kids couldn't finish. This is something we are working on with different strategies," Coach Szymoniak said.

The Vikings will play at East Jordan on Thursday, Oct. 9.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ashley Feldhauser handles a Kalkaska serve during a recent meet at GHS.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation League

Glen's Market ..... 16 - 4  
Robin L. Smith CPA ..... 13 - 7  
Grayling Nursing ..... 10 - 10  
American Legion ..... 9 - 11  
GMH-NCC ..... 9 - 11  
TNT Fishing ..... 8 - 12  
Days Inn ..... 8 - 12  
Woody Girls ..... 7 - 13  
High Series: D. Mead, 494; S. Johnson, 485; P. D'Amour, 479.  
High Game: D. Mead, 189; P. Kennedy, 183; P. D'Amour, 182.

### Senior Bowling

Sylvester's Sports ..... 14 - 6  
Gaylord Electric ..... 11 - 9  
Dana Transport ..... 10 - 10  
Spike's ..... 10 - 10  
Flowers By Josie ..... 10 - 10

Lone Pine ..... 9 - 11  
Bear's Den Pizza ..... 8 - 12  
Kicking Grass ..... 8 - 12  
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 519; N. Glasslee, 493; C. Clark, 440. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 193; J. Williamson, 186; C. Clark, 164.  
High Series Men: L. Crampton, 525; K. Louchart, 508; B. Hollis, 505. High Game Men: L. Crampton, 223; K. Louchart, 192; J. Rasmussen, 185.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Roscommon ..... 23 - 12  
GGs Double Trouble ..... 23 - 12  
Miller Spillers ..... 21 - 14  
Canadian Steak n' Fish ..... 19 - 16  
McDonald's ..... 18 - 17  
Last Call ..... 14 - 21  
American Legion ..... 12 - 23  
L & L Hauling ..... 10 - 25  
High Series Men: F. Periard, 598; D. Burger, 547; D. Brannan, 539.  
High Game Men: F. Periard, 243; M. Forbes, 210; D. Burger, 202.  
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 498; S. Johnson,

460; K. Moshier, 456. High Game Women: K. Moshier, 207; J. Williamson, 187; S. Johnson, 171.

### Pioneer League

Grayling Rest ..... 15 - 1  
5 B's ..... 9 - 7  
T.C. Lawncare ..... 9 - 7  
Eagles Nest Sports ..... 8 - 8  
Tim's Collision ..... 8 - 8  
Ole Dam Party Store ..... 7 - 9  
American Legion ..... 4 - 12  
Ball Busters ..... 4 - 12  
High Series: M. Cole and A. Nygard, 537; C. Moore, 504.  
High Game: M. Cole, 212; S. Johnson, 195; C. Moore, 193.

### Thursday Morning Coffee

Casino Bums ..... 9 - 3  
Snow Tops ..... 7 - 5  
Misfits ..... 7 - 5  
Rosebuds ..... 6 - 6  
Bill's Harem ..... 6 - 6  
Ladybugs ..... 5 - 7  
Pin Slayers ..... 5 - 7  
Three Amigos ..... 3 - 9  
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495; B. Hollis, 494; P. Faustman, 486. High Game Men: E. Brosky, 177; B. Holton and P. Faustman, 171. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 485; I. Cosgray, 465; A. Stanley, 435. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 170; I. Cosgray, 168; D. Hall, 163.

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Farm Bureau ..... 17 - 11  
Team Shocker ..... 15 - 13  
Gray Rock Cafe ..... 15 - 13  
Spike's #1 ..... 15 - 13  
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Hard Balls ..... 10 - 18  
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## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Frederic Inn ..... 26  
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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 08-7573-CH

MICHAEL S. TOBIAS  
Plaintiff,v.  
BRADLEY PRUITT AND KELLY  
DUTY,  
Defendants.Michael T. Edwards (P54834)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
522 West Main Street  
Gaylord, MI 49734  
(989) 732-5500  
(989) 731-5782 fax

### NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE ON FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

Please take notice that a judicial foreclosure sale will take place on the 12th day of November 2008. This public sale shall take place at the Crawford County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. The property subject to this sale is described as being situated in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County and State of Michigan:

Lot 129, Twin Peaks No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, pages 35, Crawford County Records.

This sale is taking place pursuant to an order dated July 21st, 2008 signed by the Circuit Court Judge, Janet Allen.

-2-9-16-23-30-6

## UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS HELD ON THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008

Public Hearing to close out a grant received from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant Program (CDBG-ICE). The grant allowed the City to complete the Michigan Avenue Infrastructure and Streetscape Project. The project cost \$1,006,124 of which \$415,814 was federal funds and \$590,310 was local funds.

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were the dismissal of the lawsuit of Mason vs. City of Grayling, the final presentation of the audit, contract for painting the water tower, demolition of 707 Maple Street, Crawford County's ORV Ordinance, process of hiring a Police Chief and officers, and the City Manager evaluation.

Approval to amend the Assessor's Certificate #103 as follows:  
1. Reduce the total Special Assessment by 20% from \$224,200 to \$179,950; hence reducing the linear per foot rate from \$152 to \$122.

2. The total assessment may be paid in full without interest or penalty within 60 days from the date the special assessment statement is dated.

3. Interest shall commence on December 1, 2008 at the rate of 5% per annum on the unpaid balance.  
4. Any unpaid special assessment will be billed in 9 equal installments commencing with the first installment on December 1, 2008.

5. If the annual installment is not paid within sixty days, the annual payment with a charge of six percent of the amount of the installment and unpaid interest shall be added to the tax roll.

6. The balance of the special assessment along with any unpaid interest may be paid at any time by the property owner.

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our website:  
www.cityofgrayling.org

## MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Kean, a married man and Mary Elizabeth Reese, his wife, by Colleen A. Kean, their attorney in fact, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2006 and recorded August 29, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 857, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One and 59/100 Dollars (\$87,381.59) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 22, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 675, Indian Glens of the Au-Sable Number 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 18, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
248-502-1400 File No. 285.507  
-18-25-2-9

## MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Edward C. Robinson II and Barbara M. Robinson, husband and wife, 4923 E. N. Downriver Rd., Grayling, MI. Mortgagees, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation aka Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 6th day of October, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, 1997 in Liber 439 of Crawford County Records, page 409, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eight & 82/100 (\$52,228.82), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of October, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.490% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel "D", the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 9/25/2008  
Green Tree Servicing, LLC, 1400 Turbine Dr., Rapids City, SD 57113  
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing, LLC,  
1400 Turbine Dr., Rapids City, SD 57113  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
Troy, MI 48064  
248-362-2600

## MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Williams Tipton, a single man, Mortgageors, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of March, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of March, 2002 in Liber 574 of Crawford County Records, page 122, said Mortgage having been assigned to Washington Mutual Bank on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Nine & 83/100 (\$121,409.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest

thereon at 8.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the Ausable No. 6, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/9/2008  
Washington Mutual Bank  
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
Troy, MI 48064  
248-362-2600

-9-16-23-30

## MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Sandra Truax, single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded August 1, 2005 in Liber 676, page 451, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$45,836.54.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 10 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet East and 330 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence East 298 feet to the right-of-way of the County Road; thence Northeasterly along said right-of-way 186.2 feet; thence West 385 feet; thence South 165 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Also a 1987 Stoneridge Mobile Home, Serial #TNFLH2700601SR.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period shall be one month from the date of sale.

Date: September 29, 2008

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

-9-16-23-30

## MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet G. Varney-Small, a married woman and David Small, a married man, Mortgageors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of September, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 13th day of October, 2006 in Liber 683 of Crawford County Records, page 668, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine & 33/100 (\$46,769.33), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been

instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Riverside Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/2/2008  
North Central Area Credit Union  
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for North Central Area Credit Union  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
Troy, MI 48064  
248-362-2600

-2-9-16-23

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:  
Ronald Kage and Patricia Kage, Husband and Wife  
to  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, Inc, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006 and recorded July 25, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 480 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$107,734.76) including interest 9.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Township of South Branch, SN883, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Section 29, The West one-half of the West one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, 5 acre. m/l

Commonly known as 1601 E Pioneer Rd, Roscommon MI 48653

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008  
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,

as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-4,

Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 08-98813

-2-9-16-23

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lee Barnett and Angie Barnett, Husband and Wife, as tenants by the entirety, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2004, and recorded on January 7, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 252, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four And 17/100 Dollars (\$98,964.17), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Situated in the plat of Meadowbrook Manor, According to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 60, Crawford County Records. Located in Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as Follows: Being all of Lot 29 and Part of Lots 30 and 42 of said plat. Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 29 of said plat; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West along the South line of lot 29 of said plat (recorded as South 89 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet) 125.11 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 19 seconds East along the Westerly line of said Lot 29 (next 2 Courses) 73.00 feet (recorded as North 01 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 73.30 feet); thence along a curve to the right, through a central angle of 50 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds, an arc distance of 111.12 feet, a chord bearing of North 26 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds East, a chord distance of 107.51 feet thence South 65 degrees 04 minutes 52 seconds East 123.26 feet; thence South 17 degrees 03 minutes 22 seconds West 122.11 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #197729F02

-9-16-23-30

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wineman and Corinna Wineman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Beneficial Michigan Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 456, in Crawford coun-

ty records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine And 10/100 Dollars (\$87,209.10), including interest at 11.365% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 4 rods; thence West 40 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence East 40 rods to the point of beginning. Being part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, all in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC H 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #196286F02

-2-9-16-23

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by ALISHA A. CARLISLE and MICHAEL R. CALKINS as Mortgageors, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 19, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on October 21, 2005, in Liber 677 at Page 979, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$67,604.02, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 11.20 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Lots 258 and 259, Northern Heights NO.2, Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 35, 36 and 37, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: September 3, 2008  
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
903 N. Jackson Street  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(989) 893-9511

-18-25-2-9

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD POSITION

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A POSITION ON THE LIBRARY BOARD. APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND SET POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR BOARDS GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL OPERATION WITHIN THE LOCAL LIBRARY. APPLICANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE, HAVE FAMILIARITY WITH PARLIAMENTARY RULES AND PROCEDURES AND THE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE COUNTY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008 AT NOON OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK  
SEPT. 29, 2008

## Public Notice

The City of Grayling will be conducting the fall cleanup in Elmwood Cemetery beginning the week of October 20th. All residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the cemetery rules and regulations regarding the placement of annual or hardy plants as well as artificial flowers. A copy of the rules and regulations is available for review at City Hall or on the city website. All plants, artificial or potted, must be removed by October 1st pursuant to the cemetery rules and regulations. Artificial winter decorations are permitted from November 1st to March 1st. All benches must be removed prior to November 1st.



# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael E Burns and Anita Burns, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 11, 2004, and recorded on August 13, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 985, and modified by agreement dated January 20, 2006, and recorded on January 27, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 628, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine And 82/100 Dollars (\$77,989.82), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 661, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 6, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in liber 4 of plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 18, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #220223F01

-18-25-2-9

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Frederick Haight and Ann M. Haight, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 188, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 62/100 Dollars (\$97,242.62), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet

off the South side for road purposes.

and the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC G 248.593.1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #223411F01

-9-16-23-30

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin L. Jamison, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2005, and recorded on September 26, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 643, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ten And 56/100 Dollars (\$244,910.56), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Being part of the North 100.00 feet of Government Lot 1, section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 24.00 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 05 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West along a line being the extent of the East line of Lot 9 of the recorded plat of Margrethe Manor No. 1 recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records, 100.60 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 9; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the North section line 1298.29 feet to the East line of Government Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 09 seconds East along said East line 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West along the North section line 1288.75 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.969 acres more or less. Together with: A 20 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Southerly 20 feet of Parcel 2 described and delineated herein.

Further Subject to: Restrictions, reservations, agreements and easements if any. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #224883F01

-9-16-23-30

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremiah Benjamin Kohnert a/k/a Jeremiah B. Kohnert, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2006, and recorded on May 16, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 491, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four And 95/100 Dollars (\$113,984.95), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 64 and 65, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 65, Crawford County

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #223344F01

-9-16-23-30

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William C Long and Alita R Long, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 5, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 393, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen And 53/100 Dollars (\$83,417.53), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in liber 1 of plats, page 04, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 25, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #222304F01

-25-2-9-16

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Therese A. Miller, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2002, and recorded on October 2, 2002 in Liber 598 on Page 31, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Seven And 15/100 Dollars (\$60,307.15), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot: 4, Block: 30, Subdivision: Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 18, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #213794F02

-18-25-2-9

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by: ROBERT W. NELSON and CAROL A. NELSON, husband and wife, whose address is 1566 Shipman Street, Oxford, Michigan 48371, as mortgagor to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, f/k/a INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. EAST MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking Corporation, of 4200 E. Beltline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49523, as mortgagee, dated March 19, 2004, and recorded in the office of Crawford County Register of Deeds on June 22, 2004, in Liber 669, Page 350 Crawford County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and 12/100 (\$63,935.12) dollars, the mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on **Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the East Front Door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 (that being the building where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 6.0% and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law or contract and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit:

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. (Tax ID No.: 20-061-026-011-040-00). (Commonly known as: 10945 F-97 County Road, South Branch, MI 48761).

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3240(10), unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: September 25, 2008  
Independent Mortgage Company f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. East Michigan, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee  
4200 East Beltline Road  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Drafted by: Phoebe J. Moore, Stephens & Moore  
Attorneys at Law

121 W. Grant St., Ste. #2  
Caro, MI 48723  
(989) 672-4255

-25-2-9-16

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chad G Noffsinger a/k/a Chad Noffsinger and Elizabeth L Noffsinger, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2004, and recorded on June 21, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 296, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five And 44/100 Dollars (\$91,275.44), including interest at 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28 and the South 1/2 of Lot 29, East Branch Estates, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #223165F01

-2-9-16-23

## Grayling Township to hold public hearing on the future administration of the Grayling City/Twp. Fire Department

The members of the board of trustees of Grayling Charter Township are requesting participation by township residents in a public hearing and discussion concerning the public's wishes on two fire department issues:

1. Should the board of trustees continue or dismiss the pending lawsuit against the City of Grayling which could split the assets of the current fire department into separate departments for the city and township?
2. Should the board of trustees accept or reject an administrative agreement giving the City of Grayling exclusive authority over jointly held fire department assets?

There may be reasons for and against both questions, so prior to making any decision, the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees needs to hear from you.

This hearing is a courtesy meeting, not a mandatory step prior to making these decisions, but all members of the board wish to hear input from the citizens. Each person, or group of persons with like comments or questions, will be given the opportunity to be heard, and all questions will be answered.

When the public hearing is closed, the board will then take action to discuss and approve, deny or table each issue.

This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 15th, at 7 p.m.**, in the township boardroom at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

Please plan to attend

If you can't attend, please send your written comments prior to the meeting. All written comments will be read into the official meeting record if they are signed.

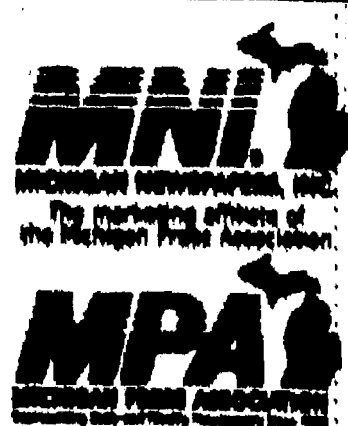
Terry Wright  
Supervisor

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**October 10, 1985 - Mike McNamara, of the Grayling Youth Booster Club, and Fred Wolcott, Grayling varsity baseball coach, show the new baseball warm-up jackets. The Booster Club donated \$750 toward the jackets and the baseball team had a home-run contest for pledges to raise the rest of the money.**

**23 Years Ago  
October 10, 1985**

Not one of the five Lovells Township Board members were recalled in a special election Tuesday. Supervisor Lyle Jewell, Clerk Helen Spencer, Treasurer Dolores Haberland and Trustees Betty Burden and Esther Mullin all will retain the offices they were elected to in November 1984.

U.S. Senator Donald Riegle's Washington office is now decorated with a plaque given to him by the Crawford County Commission on Aging. Members

of the commission were recently in Washington to present the award to the Michigan senator for his efforts on saving social security benefits and legislation aimed at improving the conditions for senior citizens.

The Grayling Vikings football team played their best game of the year and almost knocked off undefeated Gaylord. The Vikings could not cash in on two scoring chances. The score was 13-0. The Grayling coaches said the Vikings hit hard the whole night and never let up. Rusty Argue had his best night at half-

back running hard.

Grayling State Bank president Jack Alef handed Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Kent Reynolds a deed to a Frederic house and the vice-president of Grayling State Bank, Bill Kraus, handed Dale Lesh, the GHS Building Trades instructor, the keys to the house valued at \$13,000. Lesh will have his building trades classes renovate the home. The house will be sold by the school district, allowing them to start their building trades house program again.

**46 Years Ago  
October 11, 1962**

A new course record for the 240 mile AuSable Valley Canoe Race was set last weekend in the 15th running of the annual "granddaddy" canoe race of them all. Bob Sawyer, 25 of Oscoda, and Ronald Hohman, 22 also of Oscoda, made the run down the twisting, swift running river in 15 hours, 25 minutes and 17 seconds.

Clare Madsen recently built a cabin south off M-72, east of Grayling, which along with the lot, will be one of the prizes in this year's deer hunting contest put on by Mort Neff on his television show.

On Sept. 24, nine adults of St. Mary's Church received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Allen J. Babcock in the Immaculate Conception Church in Traverse City. The confirmands were Joseph Yats, Everett S. Sherwood, Fraser Dean, Carole

Omatowski, Bertha Deslaurier, Catherine Deslaurier, Dee Ann LaMotte, Linda Bigham and Constance Fatching.

**69 Years Ago  
June 29, 1939**

Last Friday, the local ball field was the scene of the first football game in many years, as the Green and White tangled with Roscommon in the six man version of the popular fall pastime. This marked the first game for both teams, and as expected, a close, hard-fought contest was the result. The Green and White won by a score of 19-18.

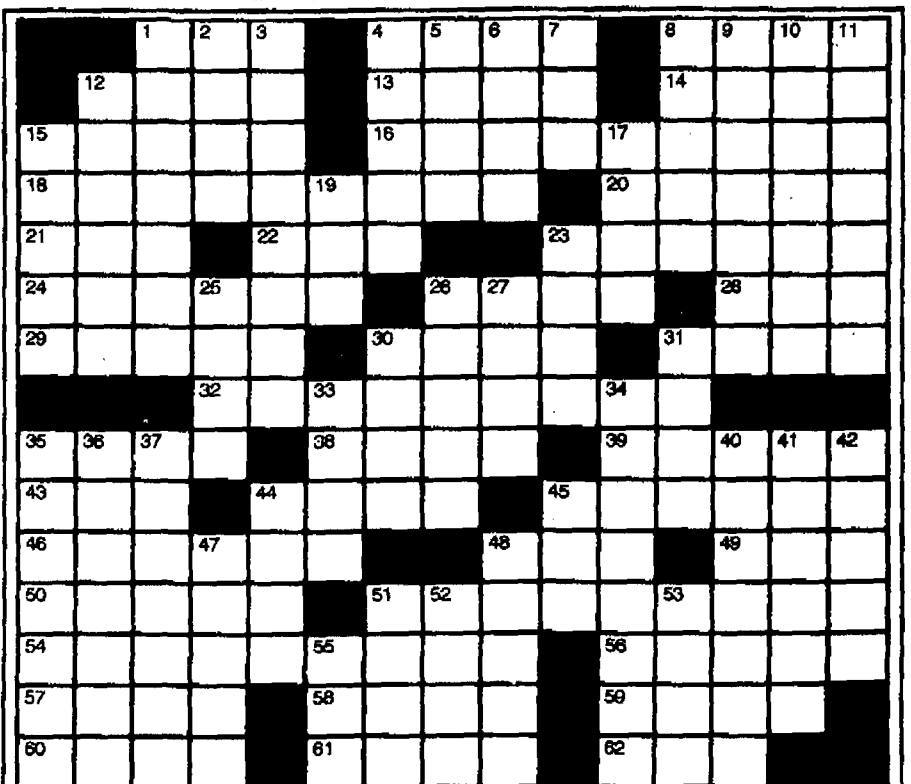
The people who received gold stars in spelling were Arla Barber, Nancy Hodge, Jeanine Stillwagon, Charles Armstrong, John Armstrong, Betty Lou Barber, George Benjamin, David Babbitt, Harriet Horton, Joyce Howse, Irene McMilland and Gretchen Payne.

**92 Years Ago  
October 12, 1916**

Our high school football team, under the coaching of Mr. Ball, is getting ready to play West Branch there on Friday afternoon. The lineup will probably be Carl Doroh, Grant Thompson, Frank Tetu, Pat McKay, Charles Gierke, Benton Jorgenson, Frank Shanahan, Carl Meistrup, Art Karpus, Roy Case, Lee Phelps and Gordan Chamberlin.

Henry Ford and W.J. Hartig of Detroit arrived in Lovells Wednesday to spend a few days.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1. Barely get, with "out"
4. Fries, maybe
8. Ado
12. To imagine
13. Advance
14. Coastal raptor
15. Tender spots
16. Different
18. School leader
20. Graceful bird
21. Arthur Godfrey played it
22. Bauxite, e.g.
23. Forlorn
24. Infusion of dried or fresh flowers or leaves
26. Dog biter
28. Blemish
29. Bit of high jinks
30. Indian bread
31. Mysterious: Var.
32. Inadequate
35. Common skin cysts
38. Barely managed, with "out"
39. Enthusiastic approval
43. Biology class abbr.
44. Act
45. For some time
46. Theatrical performers
48. "\_\_\_ De-Lovely"
49. Eighty-six
50. Feather in one's cap
51. Ritual placing of a corpse in a grave
54. Medicine used to treat diarrhea
56. Lets up
57. 20/20, e.g.
58. "Goldberg Variations" composer
59. Flightless flock
60. 1990 World Series champs
61. Black
62. Drink from a dish

### Down

1. Supremely spooky
2. Astute
3. Settle snugly
4. Inclination
5. Bit
6. Author Roald
7. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
8. Ratty place
9. Ancient galley
10. To such an extent
11. Act of entering again
12. Demonstration
15. Expectorated matter
17. Partman of "Cheers"
19. Anger
23. The "B" of N.B.
25. Boosts
26. Dealt with
27. Bet
30. Big name in sneakers
31. Carve in stone
33. Charges
34. Short film and commentary on current events
35. Food covering
36. Enclosed territory
37. Having such a disposition
40. Forms a line
41. Dress styles
42. School books
44. Remnant
45. Absorbed, as a cost
47. Signs
48. Nervous
51. Persia, now
52. Cutlet?
53. "Oh, \_\_\_"
55. \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## S'more Whole Wheat Cookies

### Ingredients:

3 cups whole wheat flour  
1 1/2 cups brown sugar  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
3/4 tsp. salt

2 large eggs  
3/4 cup chopped nuts  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon molasses

1 cup mini marshmallows  
1/2 cup buttermilk or yogurt  
1 1/2 cups (9 oz.) milk or semisweet chocolate chips

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease two baking sheets. Whisk together flour, sugar, baking soda and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, combine buttermilk, eggs, vanilla and molasses, and stir into dry ingredients. Stir in melted butter. The mixture will seem dry at first, but keep mixing until the dough is evenly moistened. Stir in chocolate chips, nuts and marshmallows. Drop dough by tablespoons onto prepared baking sheets; bake for 12 to 14 minutes, until cookie edges are golden brown. Remove cookies from oven and cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a rack to cool completely.

Makes 3 1/2 Dozen

### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

### HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

### SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET

**WE'RE OVERLOADED!** The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!



**Fred**

Fred is a special needs dog with loads of love to give. He is a five-to-six year old Lab/Bassett mix. He is special needs because he has a mild seizure disorder, so requires daily medication to keep that under control. The meds work very well for him and are not expensive. Fred is the resident snake killer here at the shelter. He is also great with other dogs and very mellow. We are looking for a loving home with someone who can make sure that this guy gets the care that he needs.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 9, 2008



**Capricorn**  
December 22-January 19

No more, Capricorn. You have done more than your fair share of the work already and it's time to get others involved. There is no reason for you to take it all on.



**Aries**  
March 21-April 19

Missing pieces of the puzzle begin to be filled in, and boy are you surprised, Aries. A home improvement project finally sees the light of day, and it is not your doing.



**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22

Trials and tribulation punctuate the week, Cancer, inspiring you to take it easy over the weekend and do something leisurely. Perhaps a trip to a flea market is in order.



**Libra**  
September 23-October 22

Finances weigh heavily on your mind, Libra, but there's no use in crying over spilled milk. What's done is done. Get over it and move on to more pressing matters.



**Aquarius**  
January 20-February 18

It's pay up time, Aquarius. Fess up and suffer the consequences. A shocking revelation at work throws everyone for a loop. Stay calm and others will, too. Romance quickens.



**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20

Transportation becomes a real issue with new houseguests. Try to be accommodating, Taurus, but don't go overboard. You have a life and shouldn't have to make sacrifices.



**Leo**  
July 23-August 22

Hastily made travel plans go off without a hitch. Give yourself a pat on the back, Leo. A clean sweep at home uncovers several forgotten items.



**Scorpio**  
October 23-November 21

It's business as usual at home, Scorpio, and it wouldn't hurt for you to shake things up a bit. Be clever! The rescue of a friend in trouble requires more help.



**Pisces**  
February 19-March 20

An immaculate house may be your goal, Pisces, but it may not be practical at this time of year. You may want to rethink your strategies.



**Gemini**  
May 21-June 21

Lengthy remarks are not your style, Gemini. Some people, however, need further instruction. A blast of cold weather gets the creative juices flowing at home.



**Virgo**  
August 23-September 22

Words of encouragement are far and few these days, Virgo. Do your best to see that is changed. A lesson learned at home dramatically improves your outlook.



**Sagittarius**  
November 22-December 21

Not again, Sagittarius. You've been cornered one too many times by an old friend. Invite them over and answer all of their questions once and for all. A memo pleases you.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY ONLY

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9/30	61	47	0.07							
10/1	58	43	0.12	High 62	High 57	High 59	High 52	High 52	High 54	
10/2	50	40	0.03	Low 39	Low 35	Low 36	Low 35	Low 35	Low 33	
10/3	53	31	0.27	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Showers	Scattered Showers	
10/4	50	31	0.02							
10/5	52	31	0.01							
10/6	58	35	0							



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

**Classifieds must be paid for in advance**  
**Display Advertising Rate** - \$8.00 per column inch  
**Deadline for Display Classifieds** - 12 noon, Monday  
**Classifieds by the word rate** - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing;  
[www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com)  
**Classified by the word deadline** - 12 noon, Tuesday

### 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME** 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)


**FOR SALE BY OWNER** Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

**SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM RANCH** Backs state land and trails. Garage, large shed, fence, sprinklers and decks. Land contract possible. \$58,500. Brian 989-387-0738. (LR11/6/08)

**10 BEAUTIFUL PARTIALLY WOODED** acres, two story home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walkout basement, four out buildings, two car attached garage, hunt in back yard. Hot water baseboard heat and auxiliary wood heat, gas, log wood stove in living room. Two level deck. 2.8 miles from I-75. Blacktop road. Price reduced to \$140,000. Twelve additional acres available for \$39,000. Call for details. 989-344-8032. (-9-16/1)

**2 1/2 ACRES** Waters area. Hardwoods, buildable, privacy. Land contract available. \$12,900, \$1,000 down. 348-9686. (-9/1)

**SOLD**



This home is on 2.5 acres and has been recently remodeled with very little work being needed. The entire kitchen is like new with built in oven and cook top. The seller has priced the home below mortgage amount and must sell.

Call  
**Pete Kocenas**  
**Century 21**  
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
989-344-1800  
Grayling

### 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**FOR RENT** Clean 1 bedroom apartment in downtown Grayling, \$435 per month plus security deposit and references. 989-619-9689. (-2-9/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (-18-25-2-9/2)

**HOME FOR RENT** 2 bedroom, washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, attached garage with lots of storage. Low utility use. 989-348-8471. (-18-25-2-9/2)

**MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide mobile home. \$750 per month, utilities included. In the country, seven miles S.E. of Grayling on Wilderness Trail between 4 Mile Rd. and M-72 E. 989-348-6994 or 989-370-3219. (-9/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 1,700 sq. ft., 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, full finished basement, 18'x36" living room. 20 acres. \$700 per month plus security and utilities. 2392 E. Co. Rd. 612, 1/4 mile west of Hartwick Pines Rd. 348-4716. (9/25/08tf/2)

**OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE**  
 Newly remodeled 800 sq. ft. natural gas heat, central air, nice environment, kitchen and bath, high traffic exposure, blacktop parking lot.  
 \$650.00 a month.  
 Contact Charlene Scheer or Craig Hinkle at  
 RE/MAX of Grayling  
 (989) 348-7440

### 2. For Rent

**COMPLETELY FURNISHED APARTMENT** includes cable TV, washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove and refrigerator. 989-348-8471. (-18-25-2-9/2)

**HOME FOR RENT** 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

**FOR RENT** Very clean, nice 2 bedroom house in country. Eight miles south of Grayling. Attached 1 1/2 car garage, washer and dryer included. References plus security deposit. \$650. 989-329-4826. (-2-9-16/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Suitable for office, retail, or beauty shop, 840 sq. ft. 6251 M-72 west, Grayling. 348-4716. (7/24/08tf/2)

**CABINS AT LOST ACRES** Cabin #5 and #7, \$375, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. 11010 N. Old Us 27. 877-227-6976. No pets. (7/31/2008tf/2)

**FOR RENT** Option to buy, land contract. Manistee River, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace and appliances. Immediate occupancy. Located on Pine Bend near horse camp. \$595. Call Craig Hinkle at 348-7440. (7/31/08tf/2)

**FOR RENT** Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

### 3. Employment

**MUNSON HEALTHCARE**  
**INFORMATION CENTER ANALYST - GRAYLING**  
 Munson is seeking an Information Center Analyst to join our team to work in Grayling. The position requires at least an Associates Degree in Information Systems or Computer Science with two years of experience. For more information and to submit your application on-line, please visit our web site at [www.munsonhealthcare.org](http://www.munsonhealthcare.org). EOE

### 2. For Rent

**QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD** On paved road, very clean, newly decorated home at 3373 Jones Lake Rd. Two bedroom, two full baths, newly carpeted, central A/C, four car garage, clubhouse / pool privileges. \$550 a month plus deposit and utilities. No smoking and no pets. Please call 989-348-7070. (-9-16/2)

**KITCHENETTE UNITS FOR RENT** by the week or month. 989-348-8471. (-18-25-2-9/2)

**ARBOR COURT** in Grayling is accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. Office hours Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., 989-732-6237. Barrier free units available. TDD 800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR10/30/08/2)

**3 BEDROOM** 1 bath mobile home, located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Natural gas and cable. \$500 a month plus deposit. Call 989-390-4290. (9/25/08tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 3 bedroom mobile, washer and dryer, \$450 per month plus utilities and deposit. 348-2466. (9/25/08tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM** 2 bath condo, edge of town. Living room, dining room, large den, natural gas log fireplace, built in book cases, laundry room off kitchen, very nicely furnished, large two car garage. 55 or older, no pets and nonsmoking. November 1st to June 1st, very reasonable rent. 989-348-6025. (-9/2)

### 3. Employment

### 2. For Rent

**NICE 3 BEDROOM HOUSE** Close to Higgins Lake off Old 27. \$600 a month plus deposit and utilities. No pets. 989-821-6225. (-25-2-9-16/2)

**BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED** Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

**NEWLY REMODELED** Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

**BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE RIVERFRONT PROPERTY** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, double mobile home. \$500 per month. 425-314-6090. (-2-9-16-23-30/2)


**HOUSE FOR RENT** 2 bedroom, LP for heat, stove, refrigerator, security light and trash removal included. Basement laundry with washer and dryer. \$675 monthly plus utilities and \$250 deposit, no pets. Application with verifiable work references and 12 month lease required. 989-350-9972 or 989-370-1696. (-9/2)

### 3. Employment

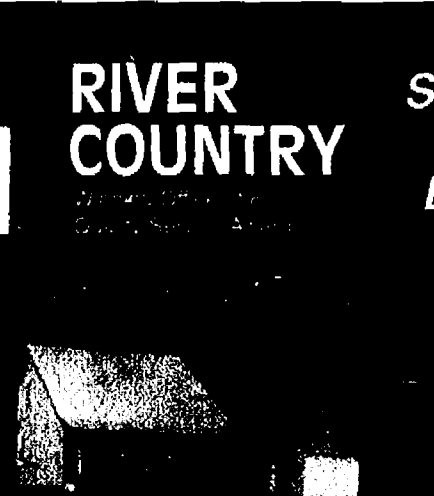
**Experienced (Urgent Care/Emergency Room) RN** needed for busy Houghton Lake Urgent Care Clinic. Full time, some evening and weekend hours. For information call: (989) 422-2177 from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday or send resume to Diane Lane, 9249 West Lake City Rd., Houghton Lake, 48629.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** - Grayling Housing Commission is seeking an administrator to oversee public housing and HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Strong financial skills, housing rental experience, and public relations/customer service abilities are required. A qualified candidate must have minimally ten years of housing operation administration or a comparable combination of post education - housing experience. Compensation is based on qualifications and comparable to city department heads wage schedules. Resumes will be accepted until October 21, 2008. Send letter of application with attached resume to the Grayling Housing Commission, Chairman of the Board, P.O. Box 359, Grayling, MI. 49738. An EOE&P


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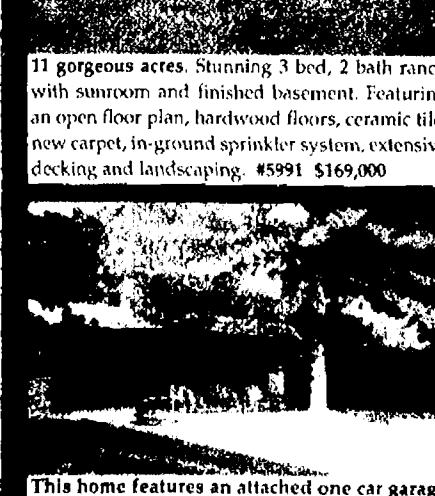
**11 gorgeous acres.** Stunning 3 bed, 2 bath ranch with sunroom and finished basement. Featuring an open floor plan, hardwood floors, ceramic tile, new carpet, in-ground sprinkler system, extensive decking and landscaping. #5991 \$169,000



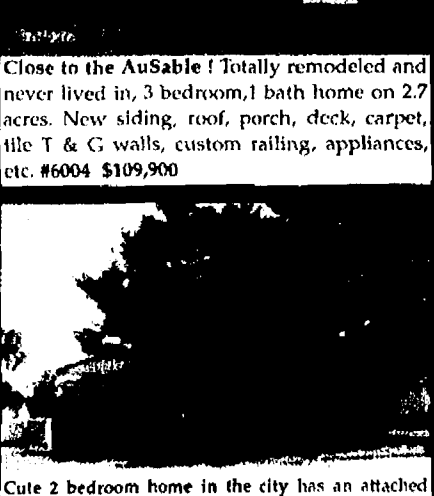
**Close to the AuSable!** Totally remodeled and never lived in, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on 27 acres. New siding, roof, porch, deck, carpet, tile T & G walls, custom railing, appliances, etc. #6004 \$109,900



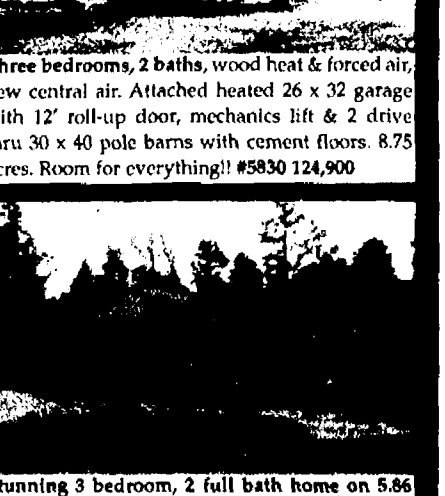
**Three bedrooms, 2 baths,** wood heat & forced air, new central air. Attached heated 26 x 32 garage with 12' roll-up door, mechanics lift & 2 drive thru 30 x 40 pole barns with cement floors. 8.75 acres. Room for everything!! #5830 \$124,900



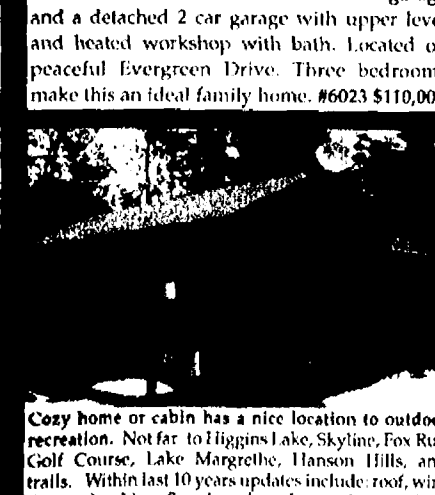
**This home features an attached one car garage and a detached 2 car garage with upper level and heated workshop with bath.** Located on peaceful Evergreen Drive. Three bedrooms make this an ideal family home. #6023 \$110,000




**Cute 2 bedroom home in the city** has an attached garage with a separate room behind that would make a great work shop or garden shed. Cellar/basement, nice large back yard, washer, dryer, range and refrigerator included! Cove Ceilings. #6022 \$39,500



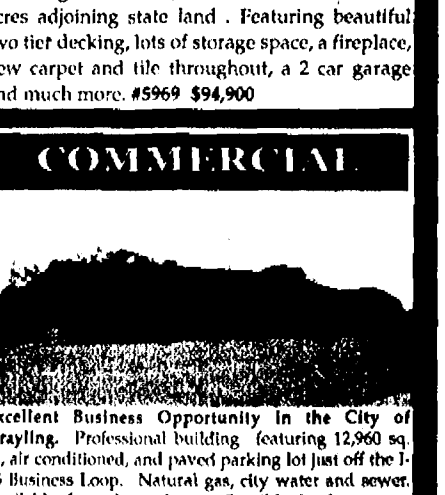
**Stunning 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home on 5.66 acres** adjoining state land. Featuring beautiful two tier decking, lots of storage space, a fireplace, new carpet and tile throughout, a 2 car garage and much more. #5969 \$94,900



**Cozy home or cabin** has a nice location to outdoor recreation. Not far to Higgins Lake, Skyline, Fox Run Golf Course, Lake Margrethe, Hanson Hills, and trails. Within last 10 years updates include: roof, windows, plumbing, floor boards and water heater. #5940 \$45,000



**Perfect for the snowmobile enthusiast.** Large detached storage building 18 x 36 for all the toys. Charming 3 bedroom home with 1.5 baths and attached garage. Fireplace and formal dining room. Sun porch is a great place to relax. #5662 \$95,000



**Excellent Business Opportunity** in the City of Grayling. Professional building featuring 12,960 sq. ft., air conditioned, and paved parking lot just off the I-75 Business Loop. Natural gas, city water and sewer. Available for sale or lease. Possible land contract. #6000 \$675,000

• 5899 M-72 West • Grayling, MI 49738 • 989-348-5474 • [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com)

**RE/MAX of Grayling**  
 5728 M-72 West  
 (989) 348-7440  
[www.remax-grayling-mi.com](http://www.remax-grayling-mi.com)



**NEW LISTING**  
**SNOWMOBILE-FISH-HUNT** all out your back door. 13 acres adjoining state and federal land on two sides and walking distance to Kniff Lake. 1,140 s.f. home or cottage with four bedrooms and one bath. CH-2754 \$99,900



**CUTE & COZY HOME LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING** 1,012 s.f., 2 bdr., 1 bath, potential for a third bedroom or office. New windows and steel roof. One car detached garage, large 12x34 deck, and fenced in back yard. All appliances and two window A/C units included. CH-2706 \$89,000



**REDUCED**  
**3.6 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS** Very secluded setting. Ideal recreational property for year around living. Adjoining state land on east side. Home features split stone gas fireplace, trap-a-roid windows, six panel pine doors, and recess lighting. 24x36 garage heated, insulated, 12x24 deck and 10x12 storage shed. All appliances included. Full basement is perfect for finishing 12' block high and plumbed for 3rd bath. CH-2735 \$109,900



**COMMERCIAL**  
**HIGH TRAFFIC EXPOSURE** Let real estate work for you! Great business potential with this 10 unit motel and living quarters. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-2753 \$95,500



**ACREAGE**  
**12.38 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HARDWOODS** Tree cover has a mixture of beautiful hardwoods standing in a rolling terrain. There is electricity at the road. Close to state land and snowmobile trails. CS-2424 \$29,900



**ACREAGE**  
**10 ACRES WITH BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS** - Close to State Land and snowmobiling. Hardwoods with Maple and Beech. Coyote Trail off Sherman Road. CS-2742 \$26,500

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun By Appt. Only



**1. For Rent**  
**LOOKING FOR** Single, or preferably, couple caregivers. Live in residence assisting 85 year old woman with needs of daily living and care for property. 989-348-1383. (-9-16/3)

**3. For Rent**  
**FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED** Holy Cross Children's Services (HCCS) is looking for families in the Grayling area to join our team, providing safe, loving homes for children in infancy to age 18 years. As a team member of HCCS, you will receive weekly support services, compensation and ongoing training. If you are interested in sharing your heart and home in caring for children, please call 800-235-9664. (LR10/23/08/3)

**2. Services Offered**  
**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

**ROOFING, ROOFING,** ROOFING all shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. Licensed and insured. 20 years experience. Free estimates. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (-18-25-2-9/4)

**4. Services Offered**  
**CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE** Accepting children 1-12 years old. Licensed, first aid, CPR, meals and fun. 989-348-4249. (-9-16/4)

**NORTHERN WELD** For all your welding needs. State Certified. Onsite or portable. 989-731-0301 or 989-745-5365. (LR10/23/08/4)

**I CHARGE BY THE JOB** Not the hour. Yard work, raking, painting, cleaning pine needles, leaves and sticks off roofs and cleaning out gutters. 348-5081. (-9-16-23-30/4)

**5. For Sale**  
**REALLY NICE USED REFRIGERATORS** Some have small dents or scratches, some near perfect. Other appliances. All with warranties. 348-0167. (-2-9/5)

**CABIN LOGS** rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR10/16/08/5)

**FIREWOOD** Chris Wood is taking orders for firewood this season. Oak and maple ready to burn. Boiler sizes available. \$50.00 per face cord. Delivery negotiable. 348-1870 619-0912

**5. For Sale**  
**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak firewood \$55 per face cord. Also Popular, Maple, Cherry - for less. Buyers of standing or down timber, 989-390-3930. (-18-25-2-9-16-23/5)

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES** All handmade. Adult clown, size XL; two adult duck suits, one size fits all; Oreo cookie costume, one size fits all; elaborate Indian ladies' costume, one size fits all. Call 989-821-6492 after 6 p.m. (-2-9/5)

**OAK FIREWOOD FOR SALE** Delivery extra. Estimates for snowplowing. Please call Roy 989-745-4861. (-2-9/5)

**ELECTRIC STOVE** and refrigerator \$300. Both in good condition, will separate. 989-344-0920. (-9/5)

**SIDE BY SIDE FRIGIDAIRE** Water and ice on door, stainless and black. Used only 2 months, \$1,000. 903-819-2557. (-9/5)

**APPLIANCE REPAIR NEEDS** Call for service you will tell your friends about, 348-0167. (-2-9/5)

**6. Wanted**  
**WANTED** People to pamper for Sweetest Day, October 18. Let us deliver a gift certificate for spa services to the one you love. Call Salon Rue today at 348-8555. (-2-9-16/6)

**6. Wanted**  
**WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES** SMR is paying up to \$1,000 delivered. Also pick up available. Call for details 9-5. 888-471-3818. (4/3/08tf/6)

**WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS** Now buying standing timber. Call 989-348-7133 during day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (-LR10/16/08/6)

**BUYING JUNK VEHICLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

**CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE?** Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

**ADOPTION** Pediatric nurse mom, loving dad promise your baby security and devotion. Huge extended family and expenses paid. Rachelle and Wade, 1-877-231-4485. www.rachelleandwade.com. (-2-9-16-23/6)

**WANTED STANDING TIMBER** Top prices paid for your trees. R&S Forest Products. 989-826-6317. (10/2/08tf/6)

**BUYING GOLD** Jewelry, Silver and Coins Immediate Payment Gold Rush Jewelers 828 W. Houghton Lake Drive Prudenville (989)368-7939

**Northern Michigan REGIONAL HOSPITAL**  
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**Licensed Social Worker-MI Choice**

The Northern Michigan Regional Health System MI Choice Medicaid Waiver Program is looking for a Licensed Social Worker with a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. We require a minimum of two years experience working with frail, elderly or at risk adults in a community setting. This position involves travel in the Northeastern part of Michigan covering a twelve county area. Our Colleagues enjoy a wide range of competitive benefits including medical, dental, vision, employer matched retirement program and tuition reimbursement.

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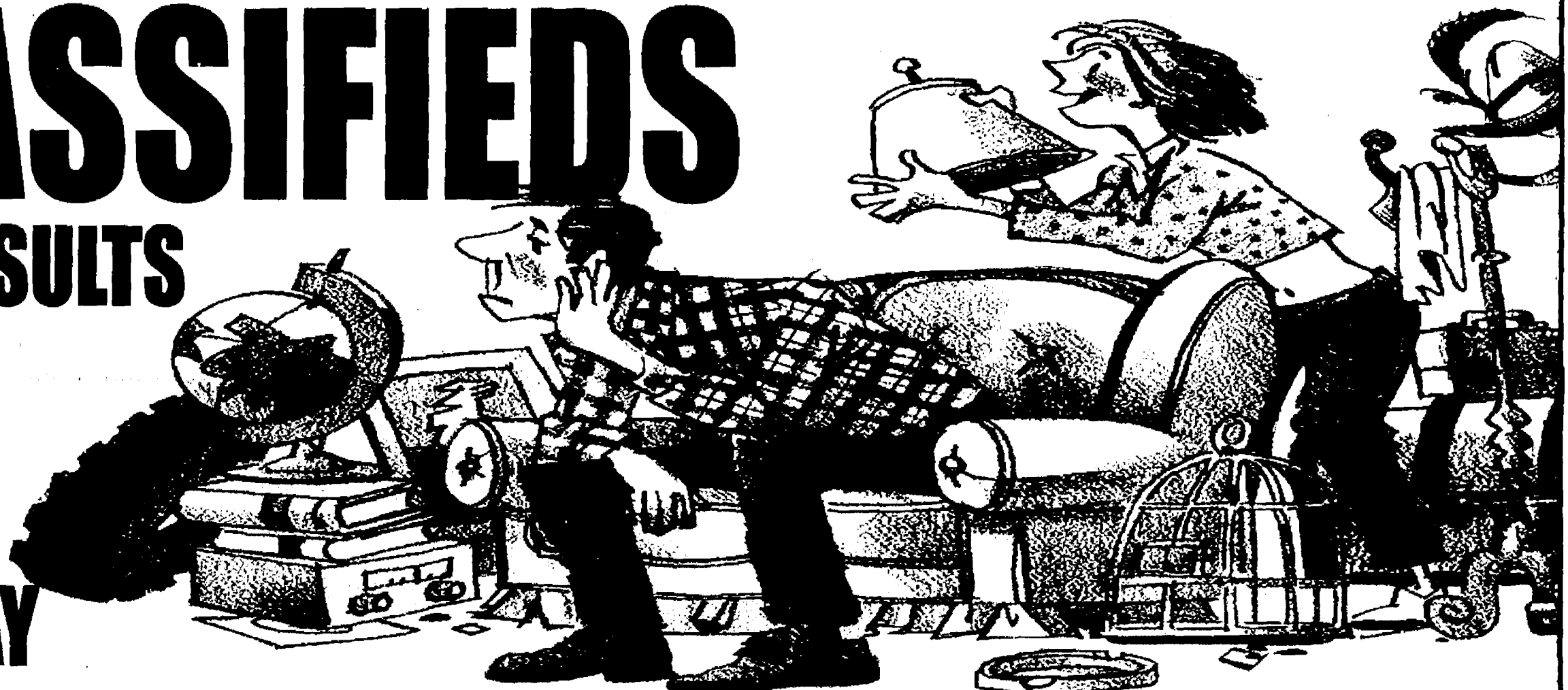
**PART TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST** Growing general practice law firm is seeking personable individual to fill a part-time secretary / receptionist position, hours approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individual must be career oriented with good telephone, computer and office skills. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 665, Grayling, MI 49738. (-2-9/3)

**4. Services Offered**  
**SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER** Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (1/11/07tf/4)

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## Categories (Circle One)

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\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60
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\$9.50	\$9.60	\$9.70	\$9.80	\$9.90	\$10.00	\$10.10

**CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON**

**7. Miscellaneous**  
**CHOCOLATE LAB** has a yellow collar with name and phone number. Basset has pink harness, last seen near North Down River Rd. and Stephan Bridge, very friendly dogs. Please call Theresa at 313-806-1119. (-9/7)

**LOST** Saturday, October 4th, on either M-72 East or North Down River Road. Black rubber mat for my horse trailer. Linda Stephens 348-2089. (-9/7)

**8. Announcements**  
**ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER** Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Thursday, October 16, 5-7 p.m. Buffet style turkey dinner. Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$4, under 6 free. Carry outs available only between 4-5 p.m. (-9-16/8)

**MIP** and anger management programs. **GRACE** Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07ff/8)

**BEAVER CREEK HAUNTED WOODS** October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 30 and 31 from dark till 11 p.m. Held at Beaver Creek Township, Fletcher and South Grayling Roads. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 348-4737. Free donuts and cider. (-18-25-2-9-16/8)

### Notice of Bids Wanted

The Northeast Michigan Consortium is requesting bids for general cleaning of the Grayling Michigan Works! Service Center, 4595 Salling Drive, Grayling, MI 49738. Specifications include but are not limited to 2 evenings per week of basic cleaning and additional monthly services. All potential bidders must obtain a Bid Sheet and include a copy of Liability and Workers Compensation insurance. Bids will be accepted through October 31, 2008. Submit to NEMC/Michigan Works! Attn: Edie Kerr, PO Box 711, Onaway, MI 49765. For more information contact Edie at 989-733-8548, extension 316. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 and 711 (voice & TTY)

1. Real Estate

**8. Announcements**  
**AUCTION** October 11, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture; antiques; appliances; household; glass; 500 DVD & VHS; gas stove; gas radiant overhead heater; riding mower; utility trailer; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 9 8 9 - 8 4 8 - 5 1 5 8 . www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-9/8)

**ESTATE AUCTION** Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m., 202 E. Third St., Gaylord. Antique furniture; antiques; Victrola, dolls & toys; glass; pottery; cookie jars; kitchenware; dinnerware & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-9/8)

**ELECT ALBERT "MIKE" INGALLS** For Grayling Township Constable. Paid for by committee to elect Albert Ingalls, 1049 Heather Lane, Grayling. (-2-9-16-23/8)

**RUG HOOKING CLASS** Now offered at the Brickery, all skill levels welcome. October 16, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. First class includes supplies and lesson. 989-348-8999. Call for reservations. (-2-9/8)

**8. Announcements**  
**CRAWFORD AUSABLE DAY CARE** Preschool, 6989 Old Lake Rd., Grayling, MI, has openings for children in the preschool program, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also in the day care program, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with preschool included. For more information or to register, call 989-348-7709. (-9-16/8)

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**9. Personals**  
**ADOPT** Loving, financially secure married couple hoping to adopt newborn. Please call Brian & Jaimie, 877-610-1802. (-25-2-6-9-16-23-30/9)

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**10. Garage Sale**  
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Crawford County. Garage Sale. We have a lot of new items since our last garage sale. Beds, dressers, televisions, furniture and misc. Garage sale will be held October 11th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on M-72 West in the building between Wimpy's and Sears. Come support Habitat so we can build a house in 2009. Applications available for potential Habitat Homeowners. (-9/10)

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**10. Garage Sale**  
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